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INTRODUCTION OF THE PEOPLE OF MORIOH

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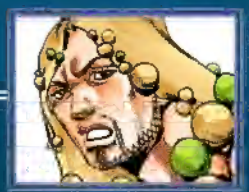
The Higashikata Family

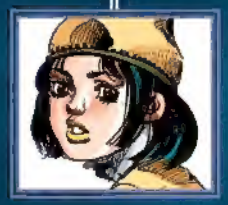
Caato Higashikata (52)

Norisuke's ex-wife and the mother of Jobin and the others. Served a 15-year sentence for murder.



Norisuke Higashikata (59)

The head of the Higashikata Household. The 4th generation head of The Higashikata Fruit Company.



Daiya Higashikata (16)

The 2nd daughter of the Higashikata Family. Loves Josuke.

Joshu Higashikata (18)

The 2nd son of the Higashikata family. Childhood friend of Yasuho and goes to the same college as she. Loves Yasuho.

Hato Higashikata (24)

The eldest daughter of the Higashikata Family. A model.

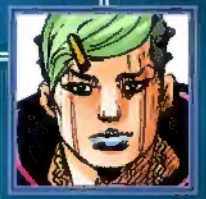
The Story So Far

Having managed to switch the real branch with a fake one, the winners of the struggle for the *'Locacaca Branch'* in the Higashikata orchard were father and son Jobin and Tsurugi. But Josuke and the plant appraiser, Mamezuku, believe that the branch was taken by the comrades of Poor Tom who were in the ambulance.

Meanwhile, at TG University Hospital, Yasuho and Mitsuba were met with a surprise attack from Poor Tom's comrade, Wu Tomoki! Josuke and Mamezuku came running and they successfully defeated Wu together. However, dark clouds have begun to gather over the group regarding the location of the *'branch'*...

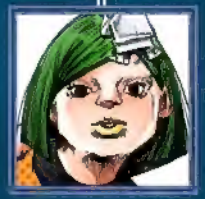
Mitsuba Higashikata (31)

The wife of the eldest son, Jobin.



Jobin Higashikata (32)

The eldest son of the Higashikata Family. The type of person who thinks of every day as a summer vacation.



Tsurugi Higashikata (9)

Jobin and Mitsuba's son. Dresses as a girl as a charm against evil influences.

Josuke Higashikata (Est. 19)

The young man of unknown identity discovered at the *'Wall Eyes'*. He has a star-shaped birthmark on his shoulder. He was taken in by the Higashikata family and given the name *'Josuke'*. It was discovered that he is *'Josefumi Kujo'* with part of the deceased Yoshikage Kira's body with him. He has still lost his memories.

Yasuho Hirose (19)

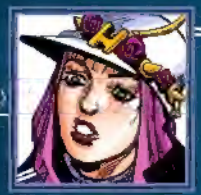
A college student living in Morioh. After coincidentally discovering Josuke, she has been accompanying him in order to learn his identity.

Josefumi Kujo (19)

A young man that was saved by Kira's mother, Holy, when he was a small child. Was working with Kira in his plan to steal the Locacaca for Holy's sake.

On the verge of death, Kira ate a Locacaca, resulting in part of his body fusing with Josefumi.

The Kira Family



Holy Joestar-Kira (52)

Yoshikage Kira's Mother. She is hospitalized in TG University's hospital.

Yoshiteru Kira

Yoshikage Kira (29)

He stole a Locacaca branch from the Rock Humans in order to heal his mother's illness, but later his crime was discovered and he was killed. His occupation was ship's doctor.

Kei Nijimura (22)

Yoshikage Kira's little sister. She has infiltrated the Higashikata Family as a maid in order to learn their secrets.

★★★★★ MORI OH CHO MAP

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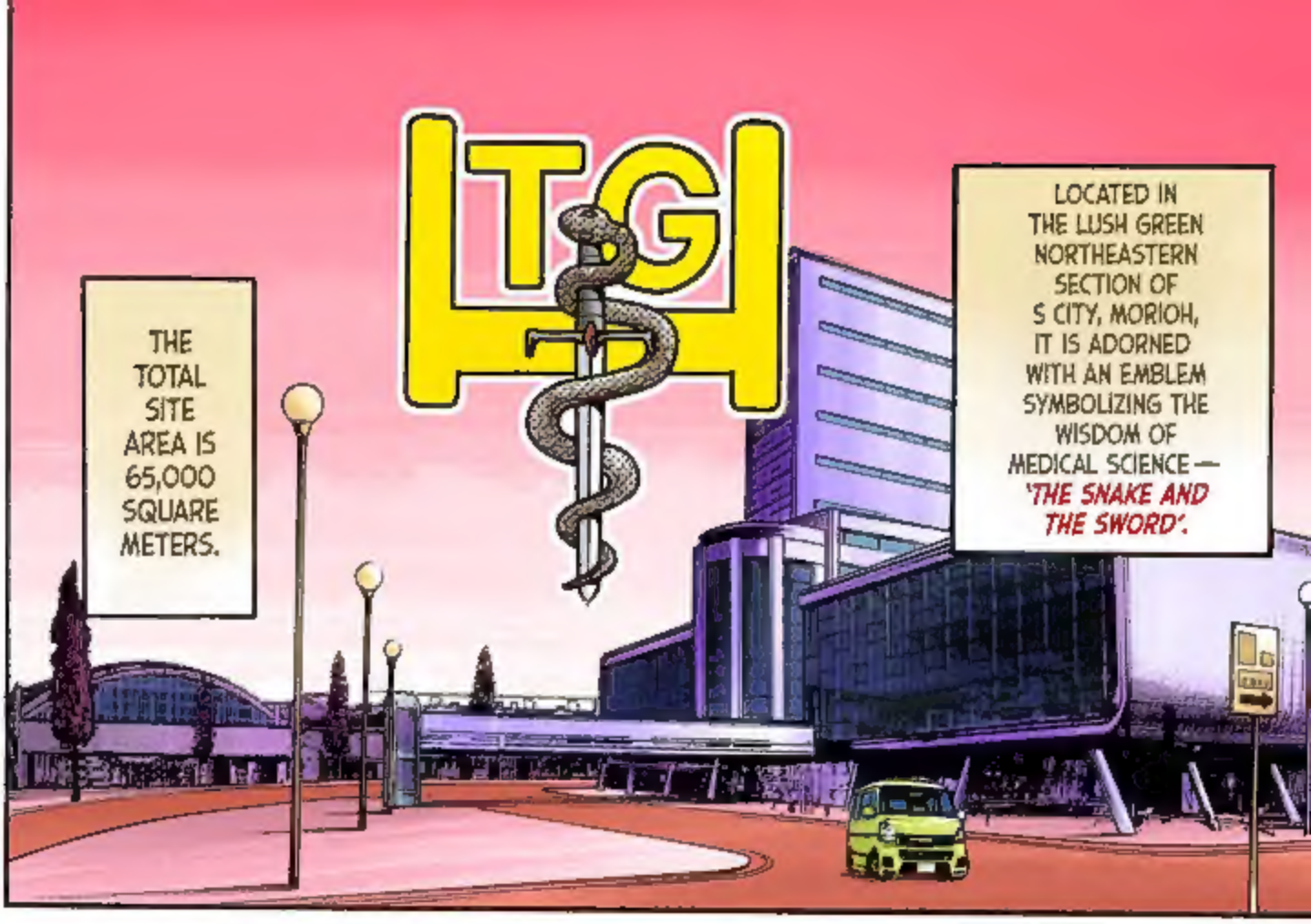
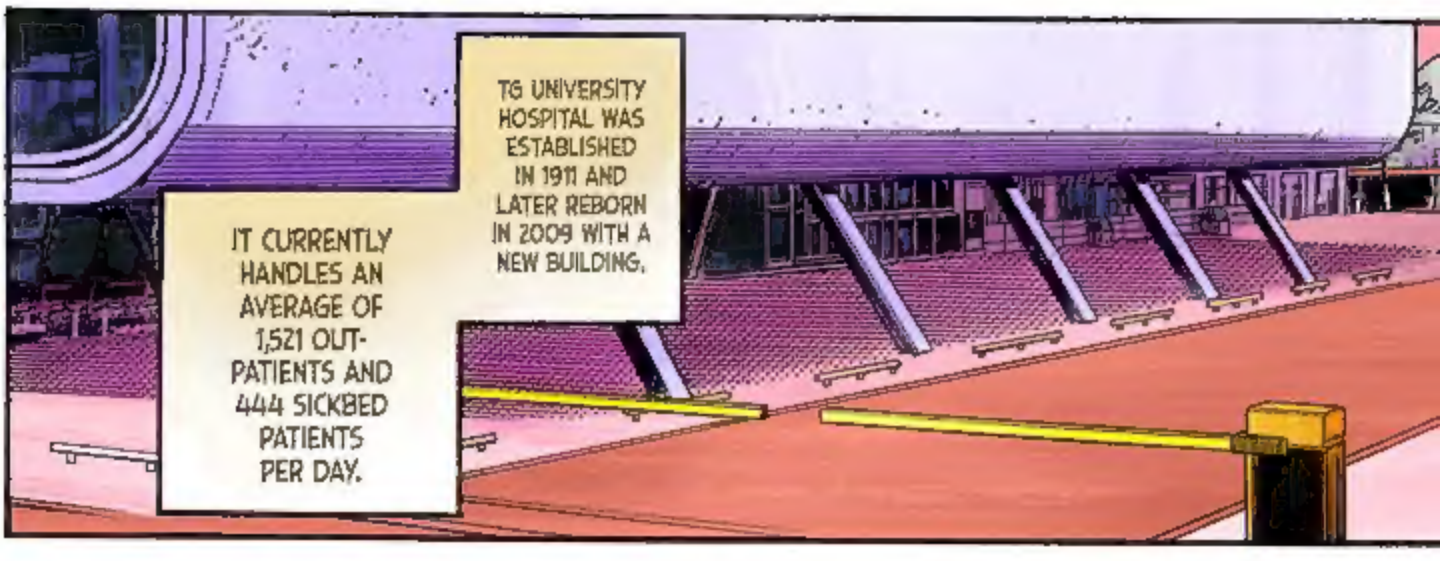
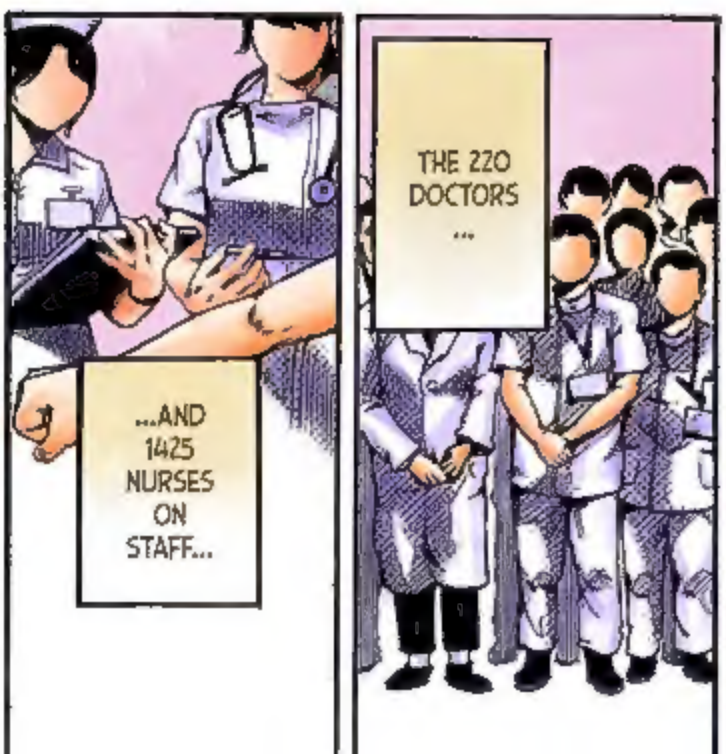
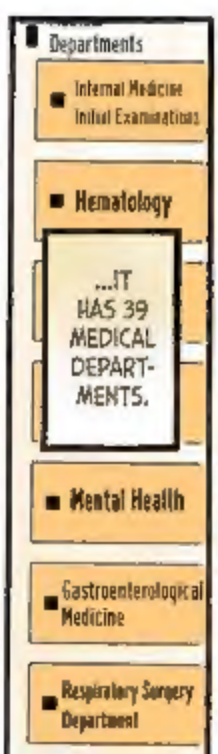

TG
THE TOTAL SITE AREA IS 65,000 SQUARE METERS.
LOCATED IN THE LUSH GREEN NORTHEASTERN SECTION OF S CITY, MORIOH, IT IS ADORNED WITH AN EMBLEM SYMBOLIZING THE WISDOM OF MEDICAL SCIENCE — 'THE SNAKE AND THE SWORD'.


IT CURRENTLY HANDLES AN AVERAGE OF 1,521 OUT-PATIENTS AND 444 SICKBED PATIENTS PER DAY.
TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1911 AND LATER REBORN IN 2009 WITH A NEW BUILDING.


...AND 1425 NURSES ON STAFF...

THE 220 DOCTORS ...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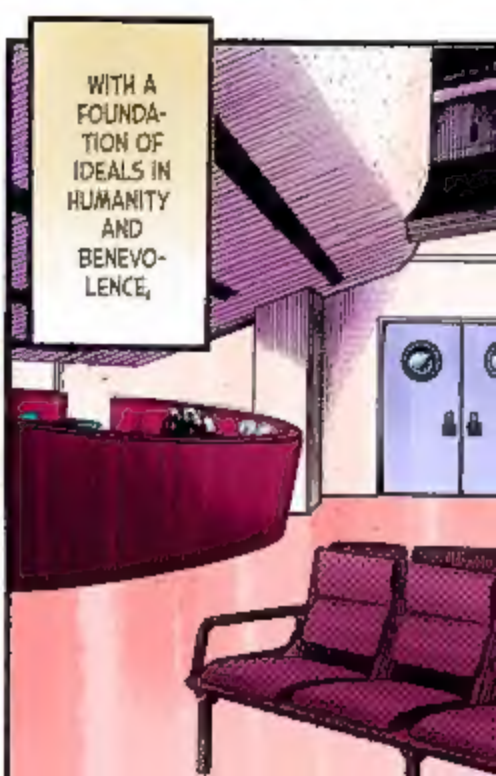
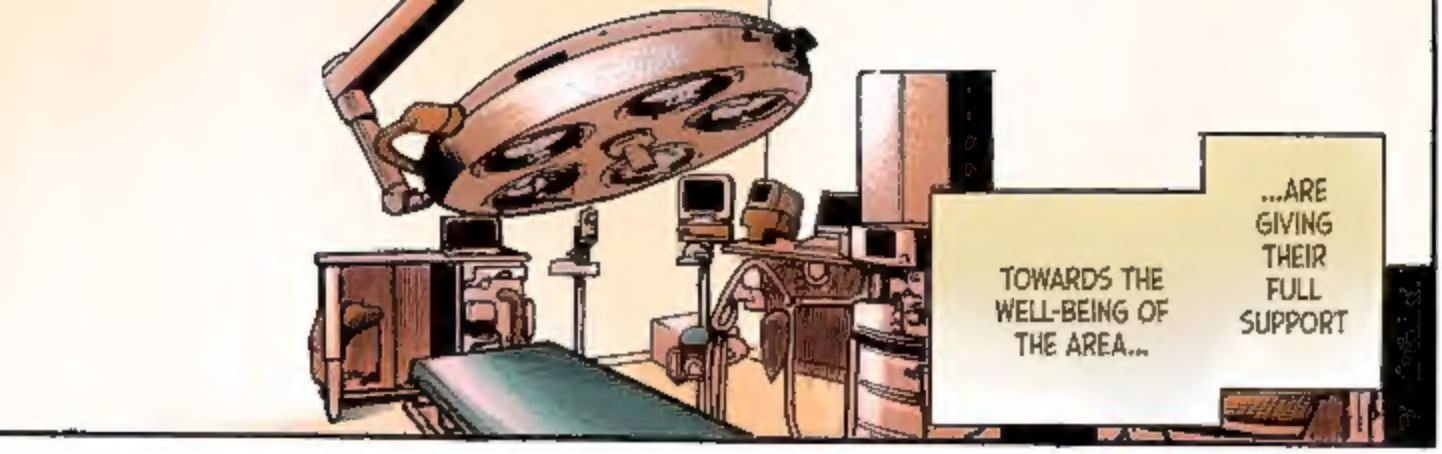
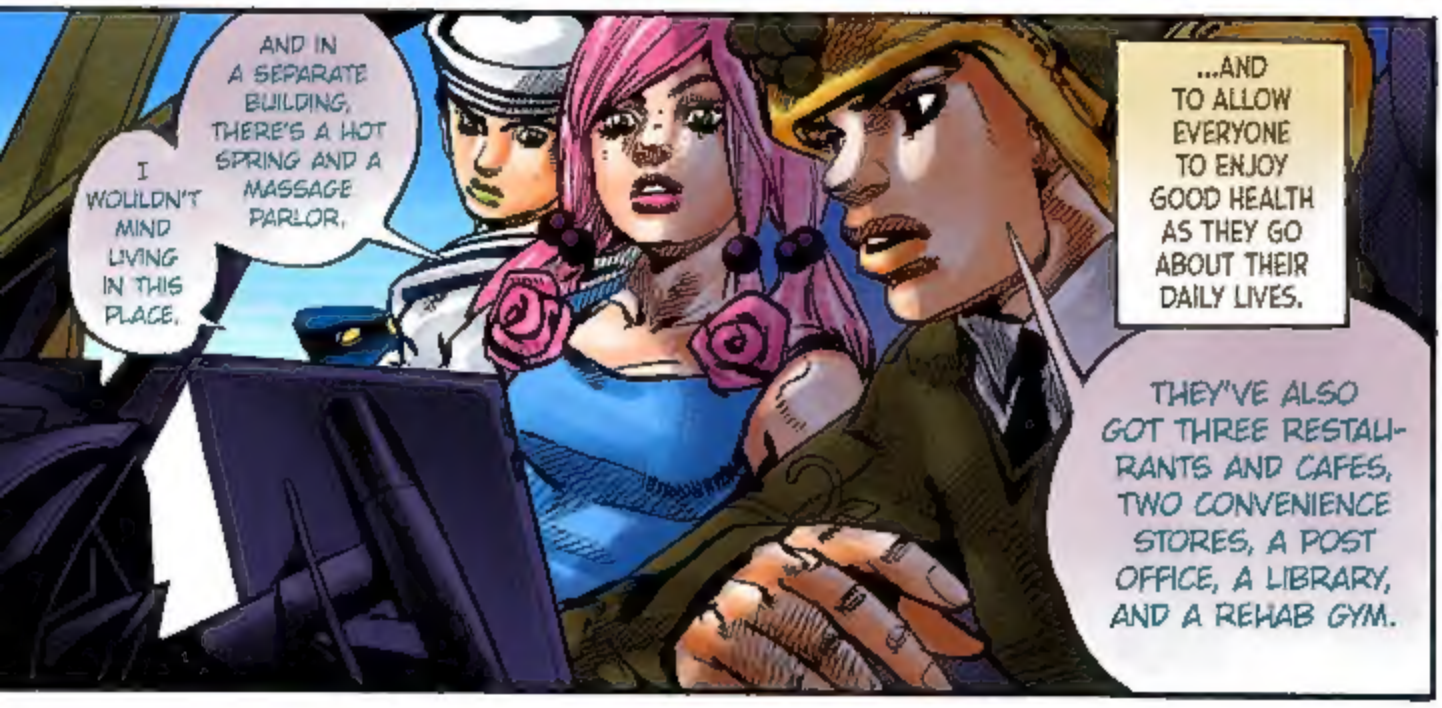
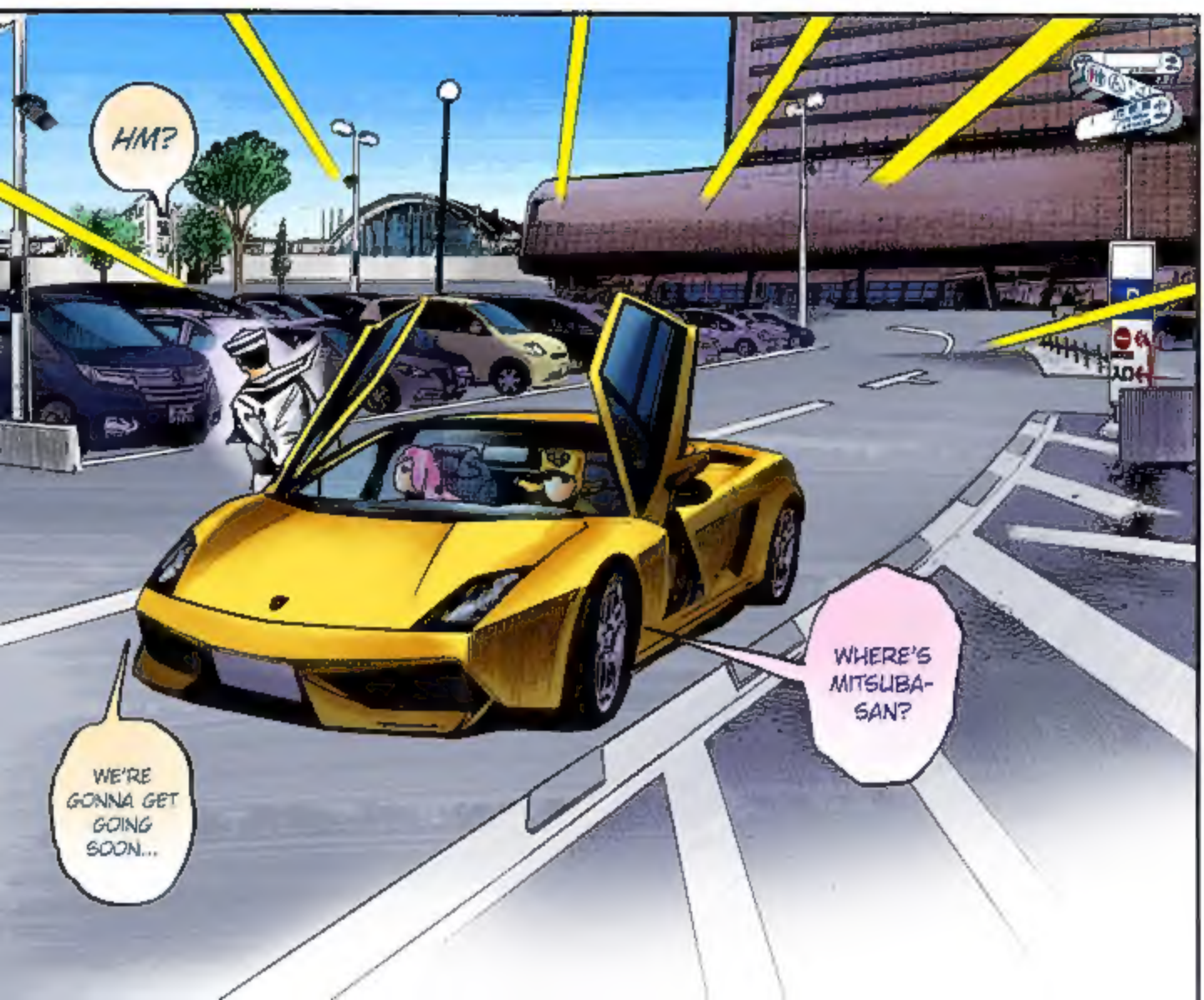
Hematology
...IT HAS 39 MEDICAL DEPART-MENTS.
Mental Health
Gastroenterological Medicine
Respiratory Surgery Department


WITH A FOUNDA-TION OF IDEALS IN HUMANITY AND BENEVO-LENCE,

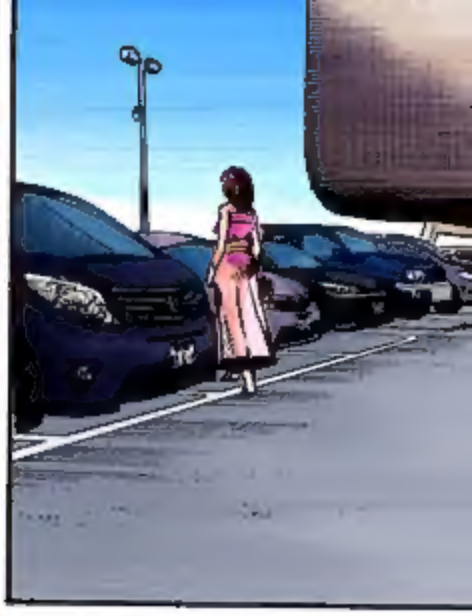

TOWARDS THE WELL-BEING OF THE AREA...
...ARE GIVING THEIR FULL SUPPORT

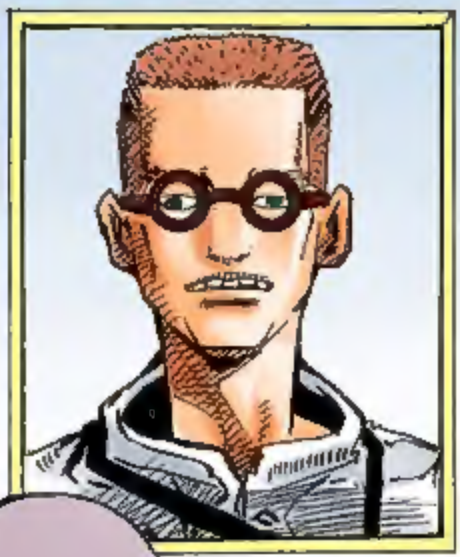

I WOULDN'T MIND LIVING IN THIS PLACE.
AND IN A SEPARATE BUILDING, THERE'S A HOT SPRING AND A MASSAGE PARLOR.
...AND TO ALLOW EVERYONE TO ENJOY GOOD HEALTH AS THEY GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIVES.
THEY'VE ALSO GOT THREE RESTAURANTS AND CAFES, TWO CONVENIENCE STORES, A POST OFFICE, A LIBRARY, AND A REHAB GYM.


HM?
WHERE'S MITSUBA-SAN?
WE'RE GONNA GET GOING SOON...

THAT LOCACACA ROOM IN THE BACK OF OBSTETRICS EXAMINATION ROOM,

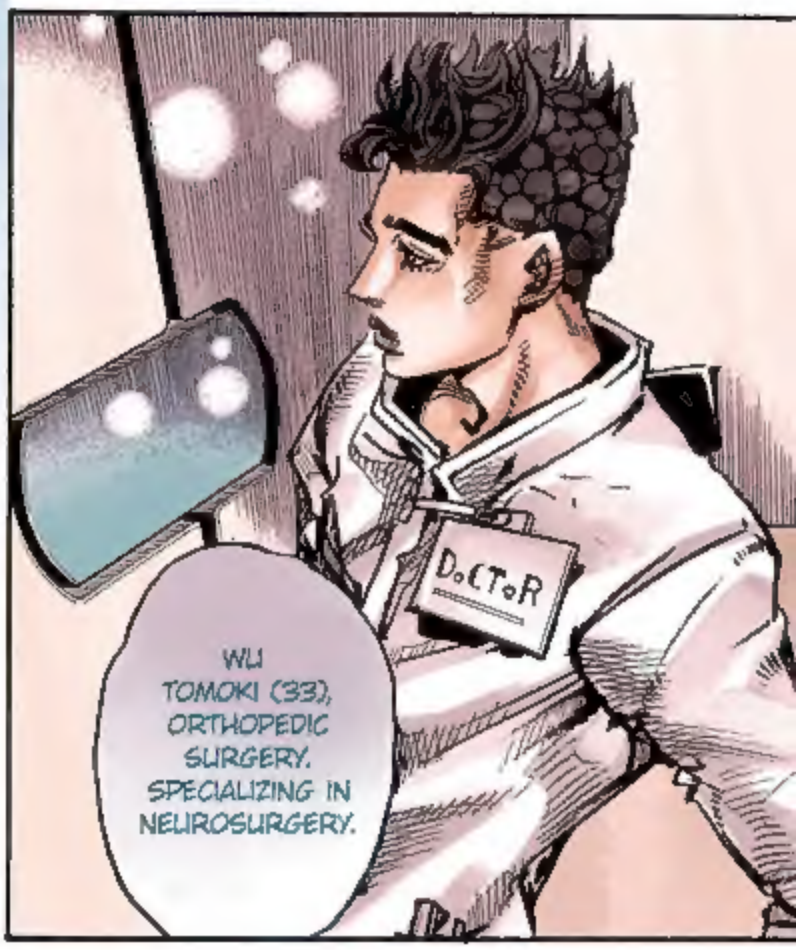
THERE WERE ONLY "FOUR NAMES" RECORDED AS HAVING UNLOCKED ITS DOOR.





Shimosato

RYO SHIMOSATO (38), INTERNAL MEDICINE. SPECIALIZING IN GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES.



WU TOMOKI (33), ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY. SPECIALIZING IN NEUROSURGERY.

...AND THE MYSTERIOUS HEAD DOCTOR OF THE HOSPITAL (89). THOSE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WENT INTO THAT LAB.

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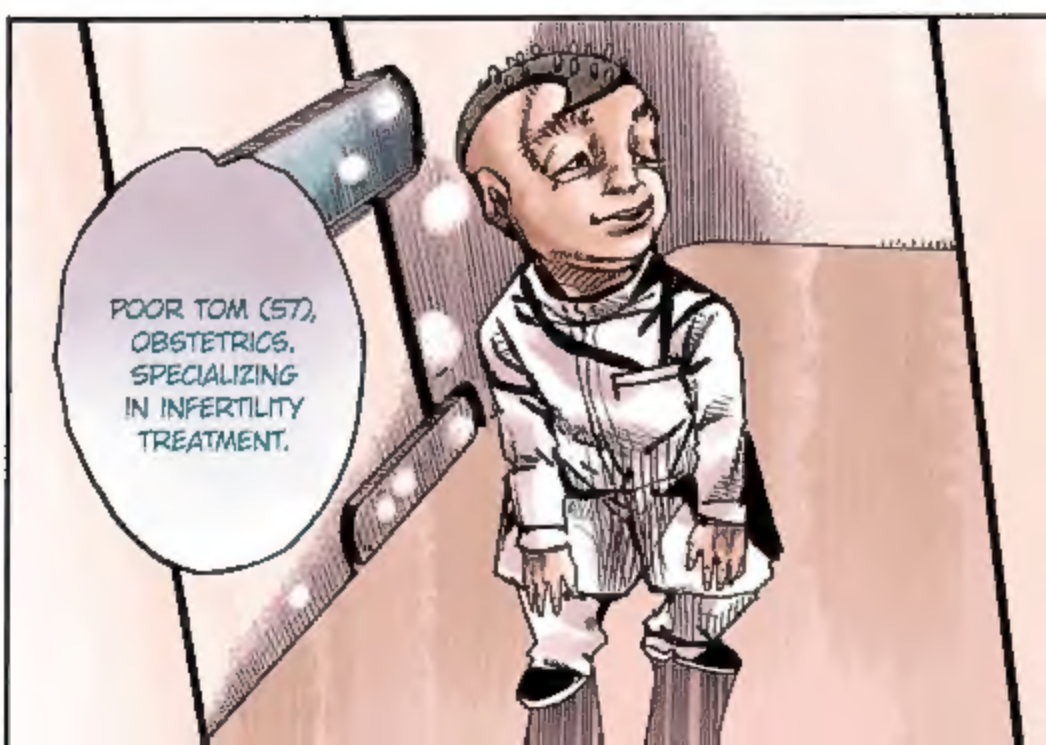
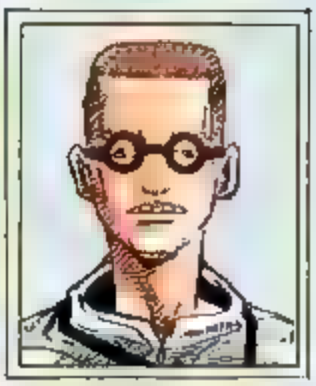


POOR TOM (57), OBSTETRICS. SPECIALIZING IN INFERTILITY TREATMENT.

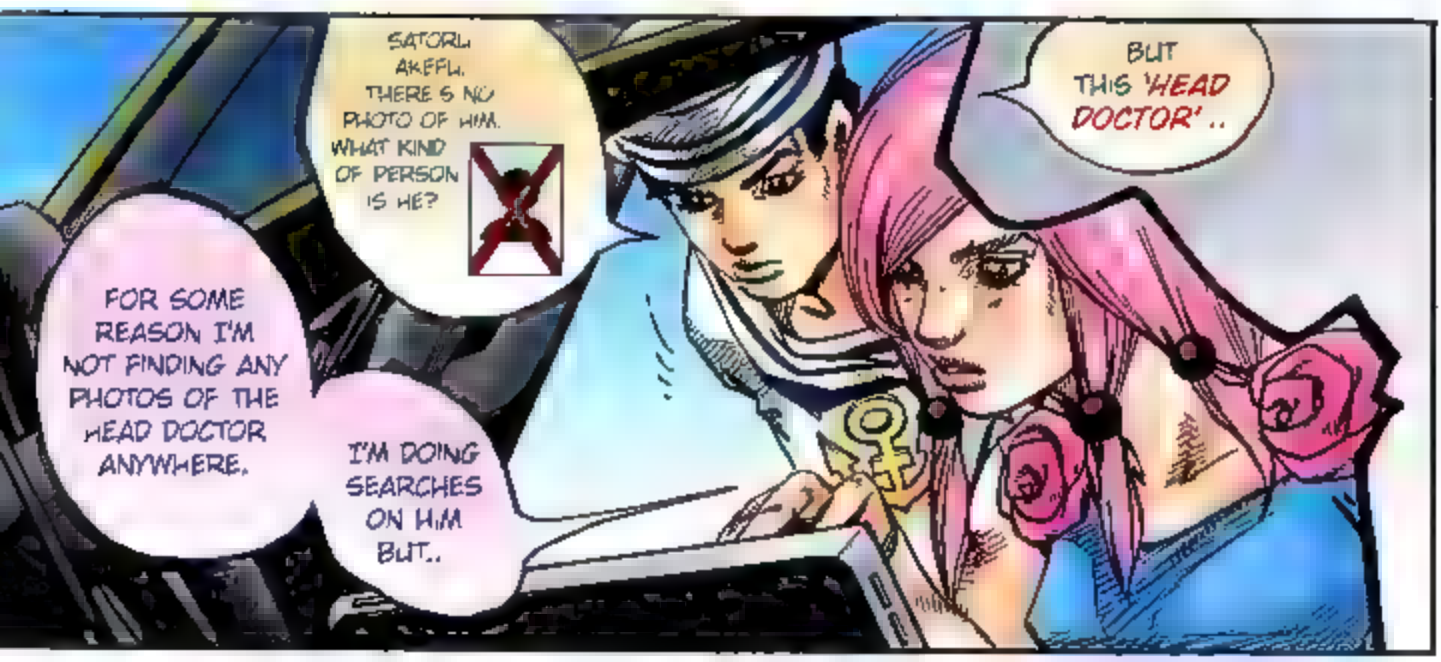
BESIDES THE PATIENTS, THESE WERE THE ONLY FOUR PEOPLE WHO WENT INTO THAT ROOM.
THE ONLY PEOPLE RESEARCHING THE LOCACACA.. WERE THESE FOUR PEOPLE IN THE ROOM'S ACCESS HISTORY
SO 'URBAN GUERRILLA' WAS.. THIS GUY?! AND POOR TOM IS 'POOR TOM' OF COURSE
AND 'URBAN', 'POOR TOM', AND 'WU TOMOKI' ARE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD.



Ryo Shimosato

Wu Tomoki

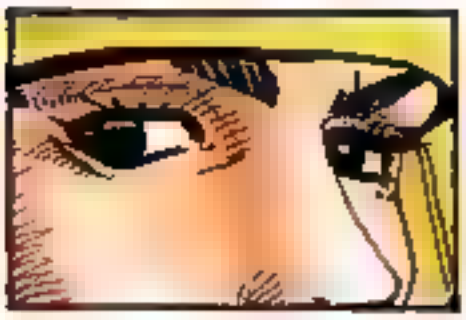
Poor Tom

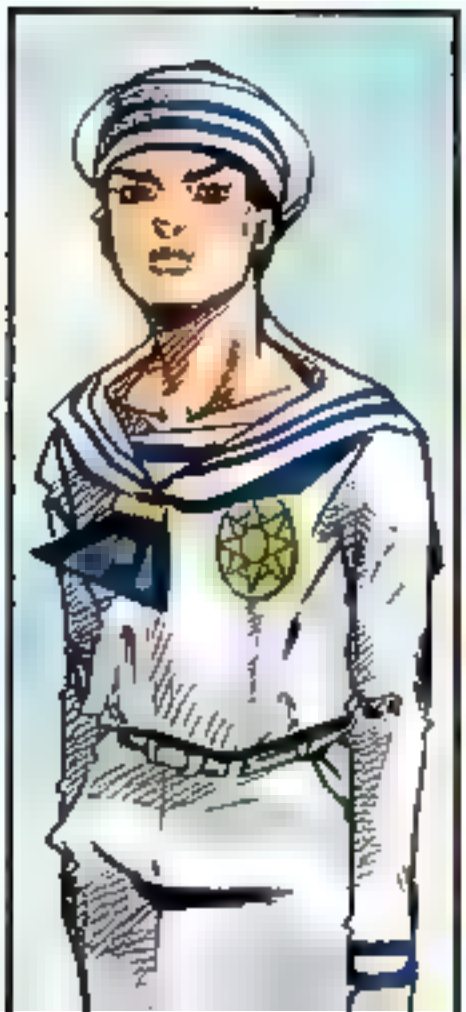

SATORU AKEFU. THERE'S NO PHOTO OF HIM. WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
BUT THIS 'HEAD DOCTOR'..
FOR SOME REASON I'M NOT FINDING ANY PHOTOS OF THE HEAD DOCTOR ANYWHERE.
I'M DOING SEARCHES ON HIM BUT..

HE'S GOT TO BE THE ONE WHO HAS THE NEW LOCACACA 'BRANCH'

LET'S LOOK FOR THIS HEAD DOCTOR PERSON.

THE 'OTHER PERSON' IN THE AMBULANCE DURING THE FIRE WAS HIM

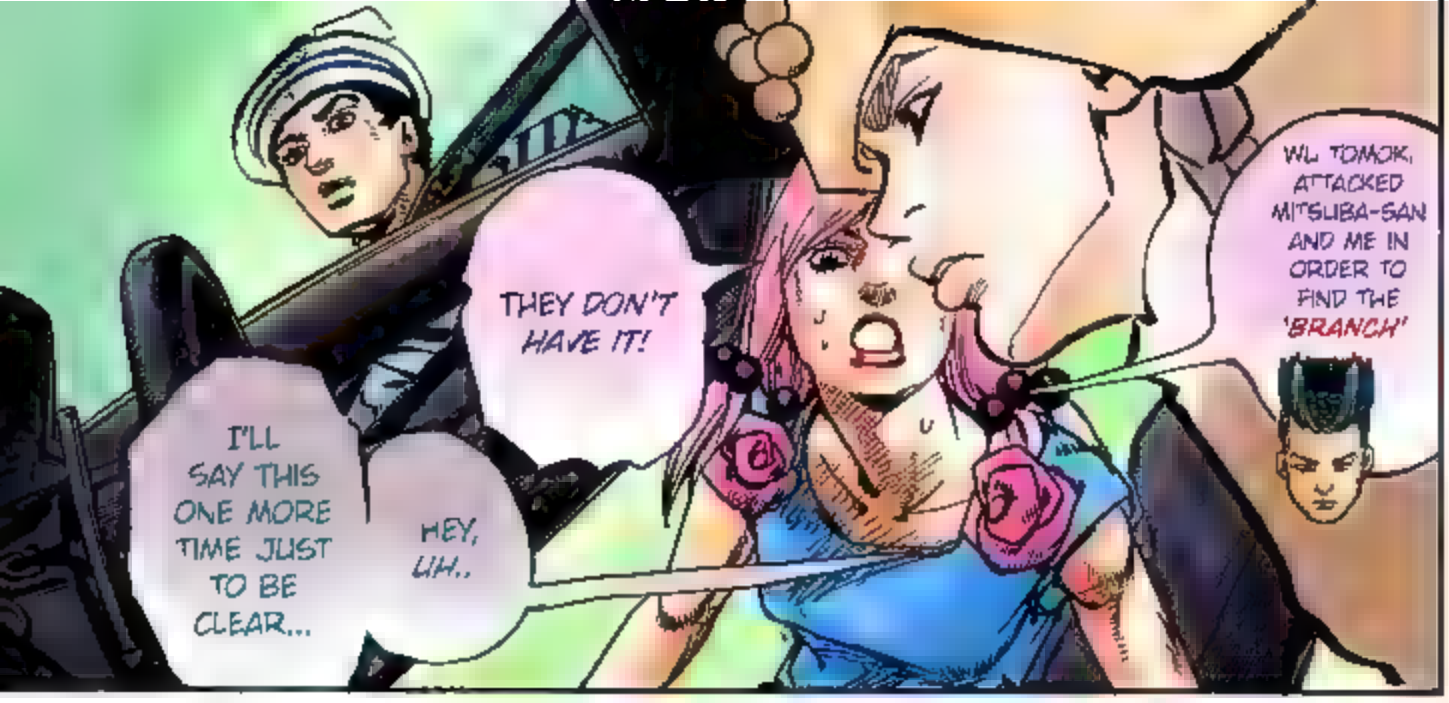


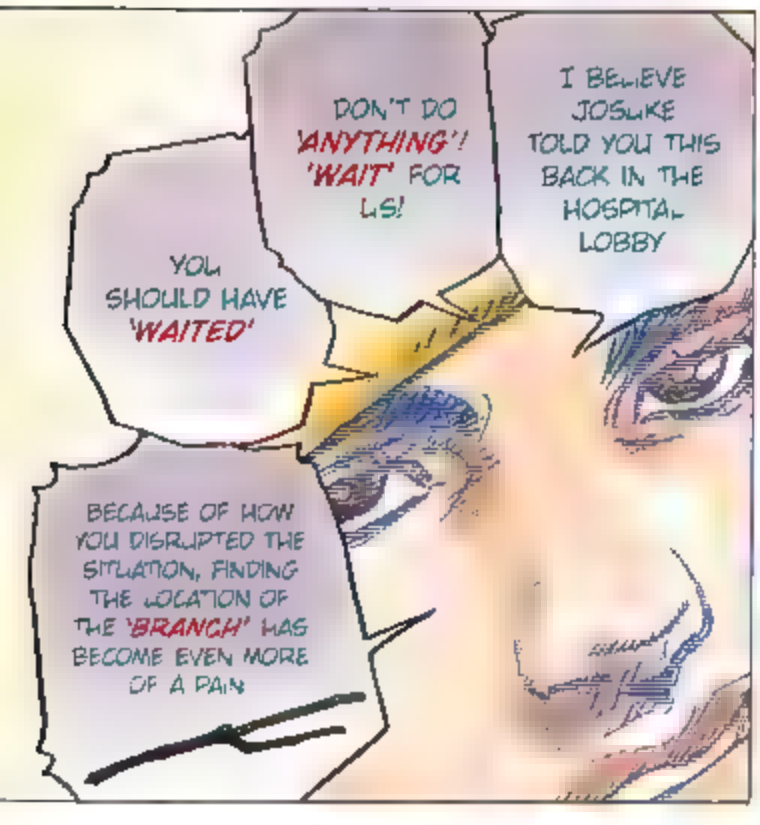


I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S GOT TO BE ON THE HIGASHIKATA ESTATE SOMEWHERE!

YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE 'BRANCH'

MAMEZUKU-SAN.


I'LL SAY THIS ONE MORE TIME JUST TO BE CLEAR...
HEY, UH..
THEY DON'T HAVE IT!
WE TOMOKI ATTACKED MITSUBA-SAN AND ME IN ORDER TO FIND THE 'BRANCH'


DON'T DO 'ANYTHING'! 'WAIT' FOR US!
I BELIEVE JOSUKE TOLD YOU THIS BACK IN THE HOSPITAL LOBBY
YOU SHOULD HAVE 'WAITED'
BECAUSE OF HOW YOU DISRUPTED THE SITUATION, FINDING THE LOCATION OF THE 'BRANCH' HAS BECOME EVEN MORE OF A PAIN

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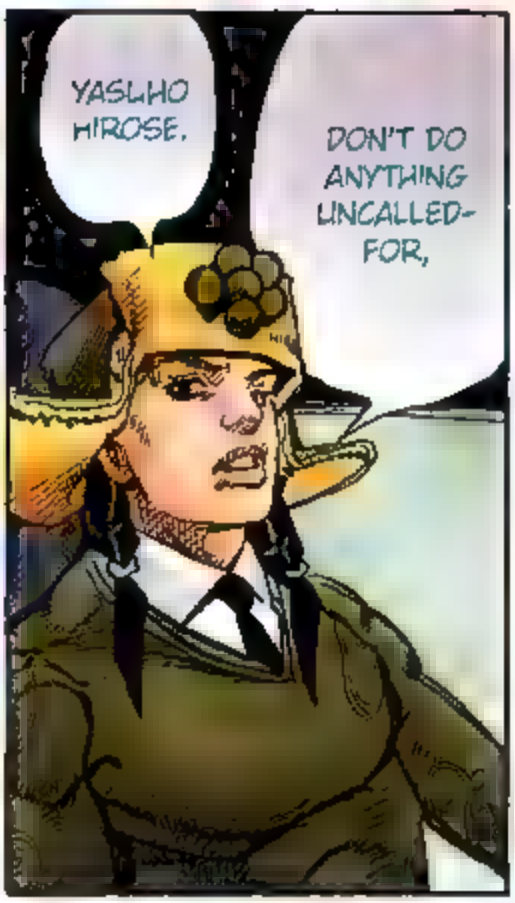
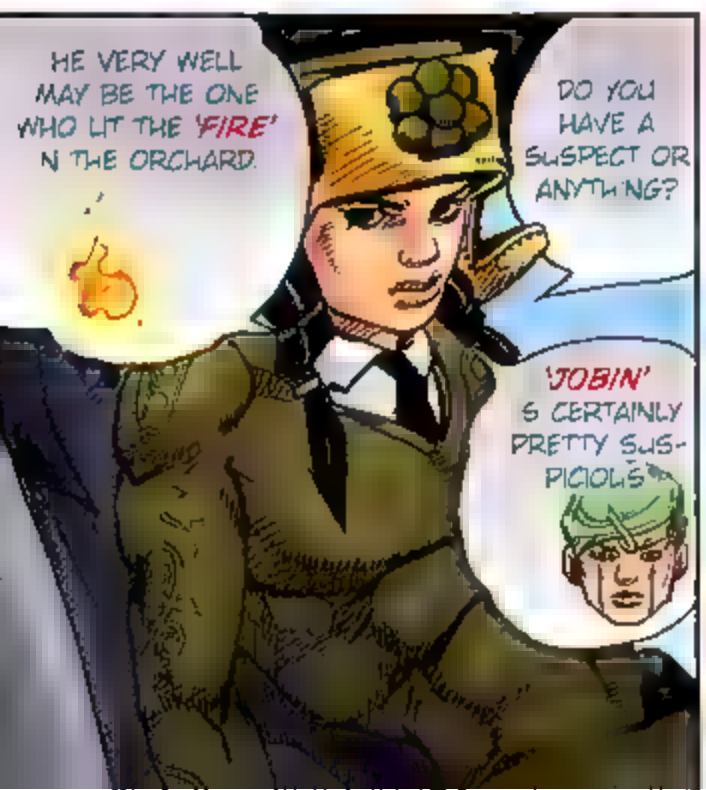
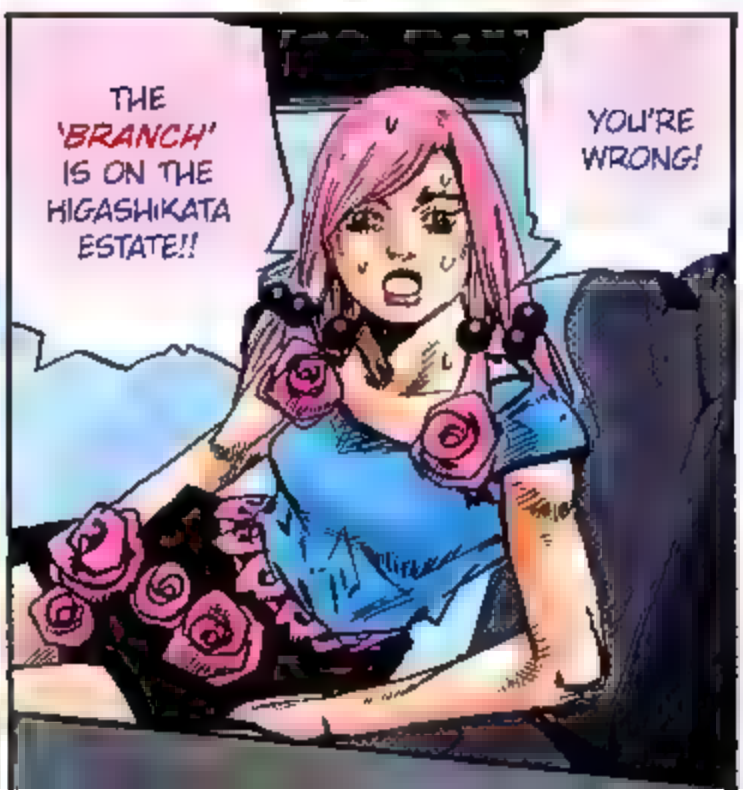
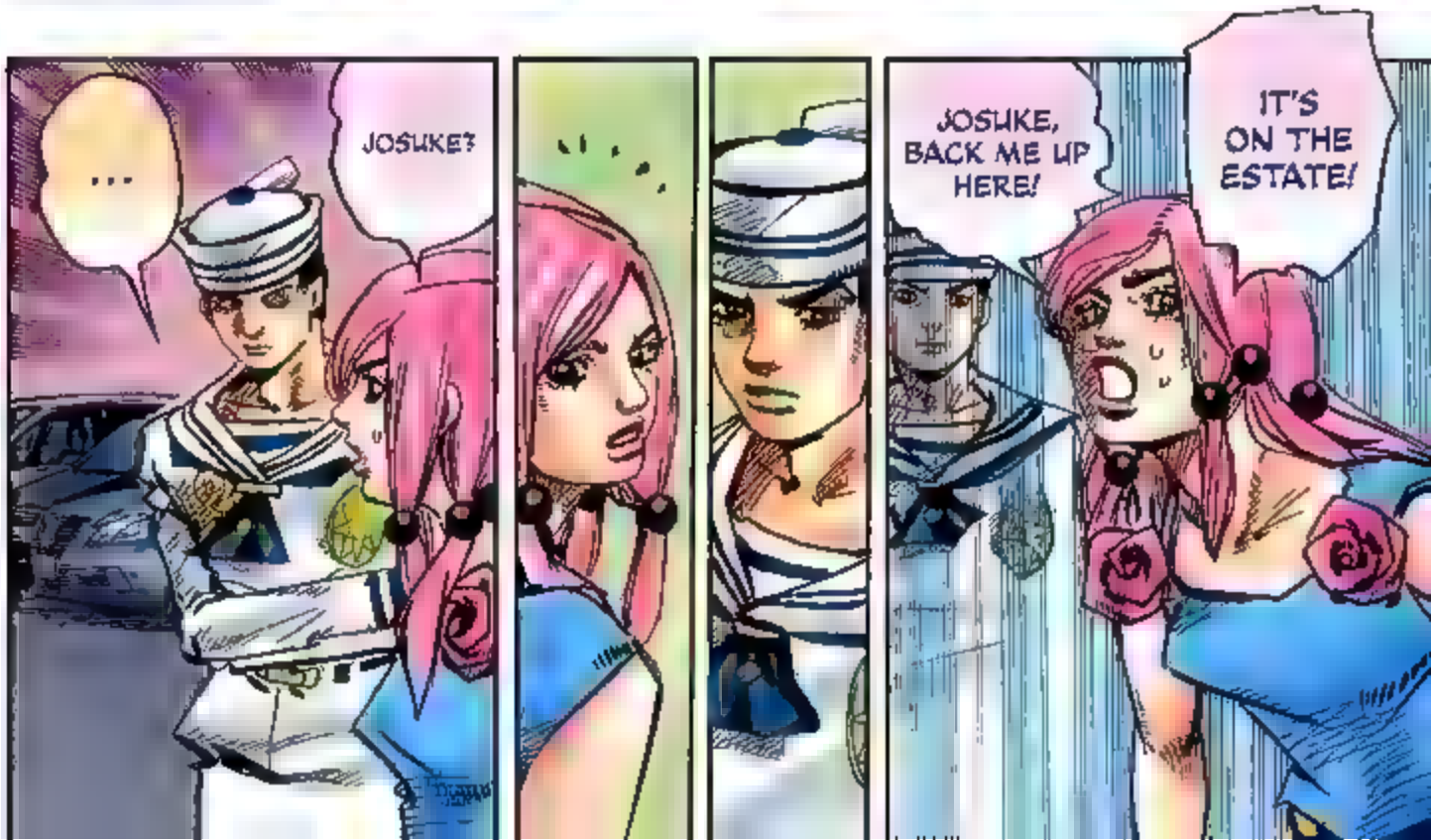

YASUHO HIROSE.
DON'T DO ANYTHING UNCALLED-FOR,

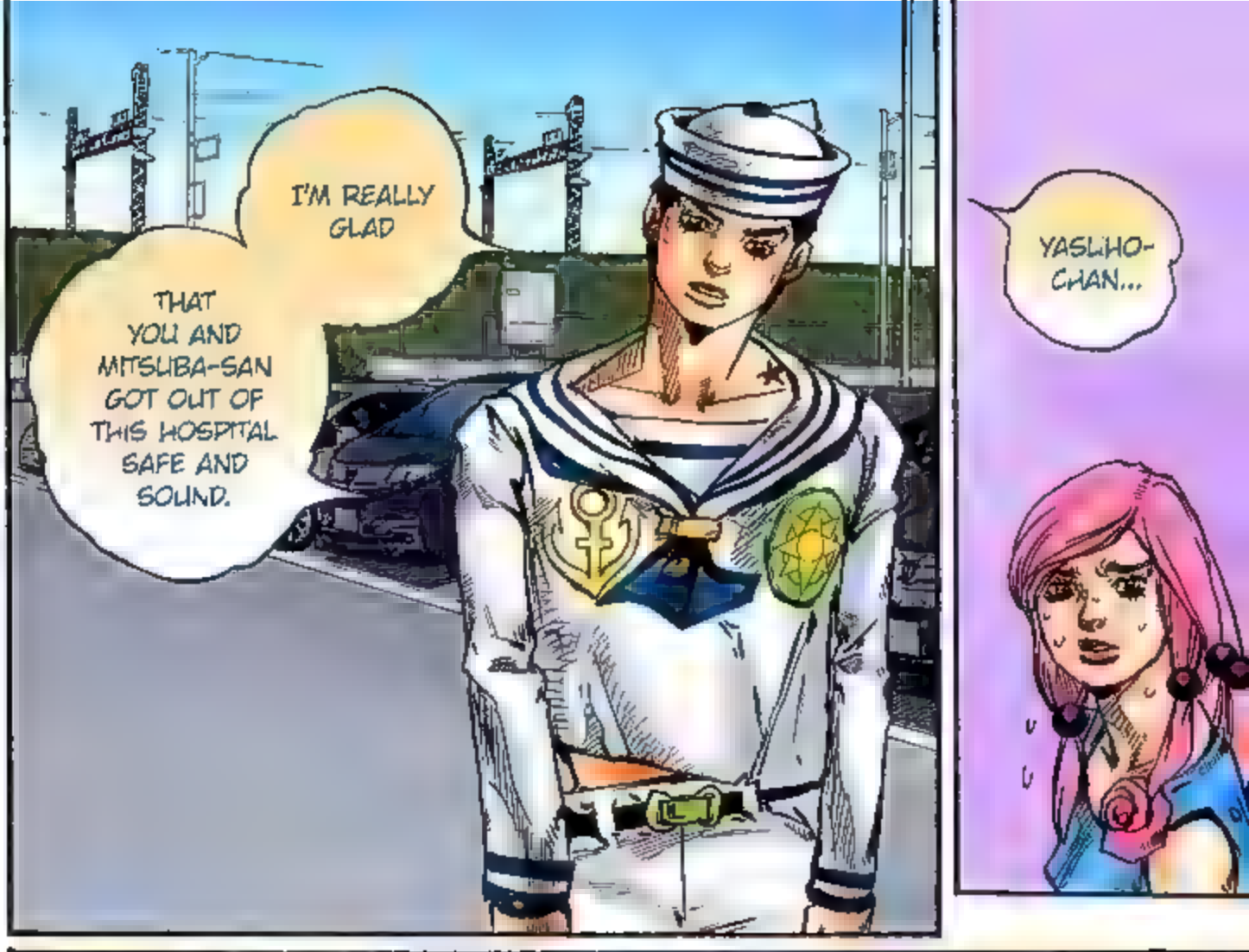

HE VERY WELL MAY BE THE ONE WHO LIT THE 'FIRE' N THE ORCHARD.
DO YOU HAVE A SUSPECT OR ANYTHING?
'JOBIN' S CERTAINLY PRETTY SUS-PICIOUS


THE 'BRANCH' IS ON THE HIGASHIKATA ESTATE!!
YOU'RE WRONG!

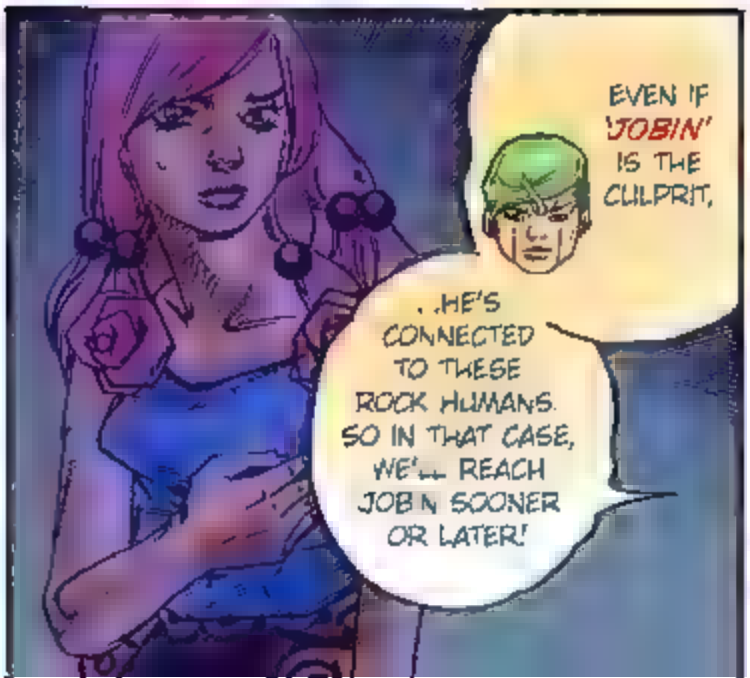
THANKS TO THE FIRE, WE AND ENDED UP SAFE,
BUT THE NEW LOCACACA 'BRANCH' WAS UNMISTAKABLY TAKEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE EYES OF JOSUKE AND ME!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DISCERN THAT 'BRANCH'!
IT'S NOT ON THE HIGASHIKATA ESTATE!
BUT... HE'S NOT THE ONE WHO TOOK THE 'BRANCH'... IT'S SOMEONE 'ELSE'!


...
JOSUKE?
JOSUKE, BACK ME UP HERE!
IT'S ON THE ESTATE!

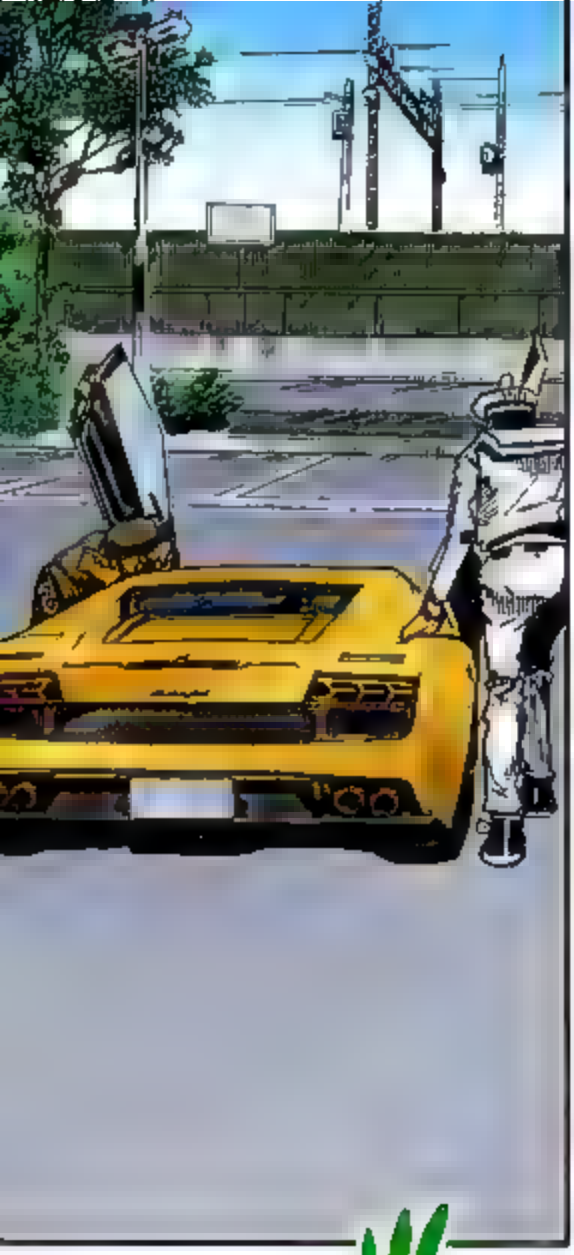
WE DON'T NEED OUTSIDE ISSUES LIKE THAT MIXING US UP
THAT COULD'VE JUST BEEN THE RESULT OF STRESS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR PARENTS, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHERE'D THIS COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN?
?
THE "HAIR CLIP".
YOU TOLD US THAT WHEN YOU WERE A GIRL, YOU WERE ATTACKED BY A ROCK CREATURE.
BUT WAS THAT 'HAIR CLIP' EVEN REAL?
I DON'T GET... WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY HERE.
SO WHAT IF I AM, HUH?
ARE YOU SAYING I HALLUCINATED THE WHOLE THING?!
WE DON'T NEED YOU BUTTING IN WITH THINGS LIKE THIS!
LISTEN, WE "DON'T HAVE TIME" HERE.
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING!
THAT 'BRANCH' IS GOING TO GROW A FRUIT IN JUST OVER TEN DAYS!

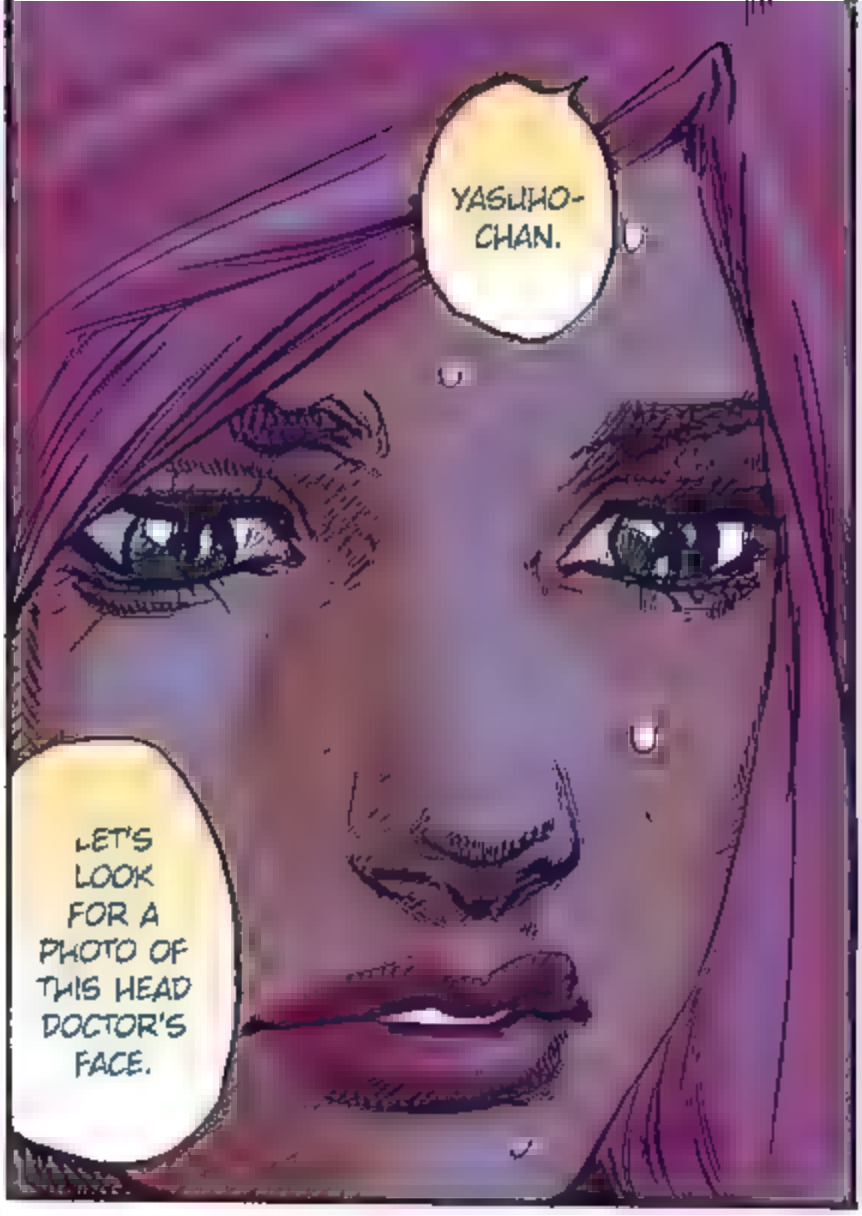

I'M REALLY GLAD
THAT YOU AND MITSUBA-SAN GOT OUT OF THIS HOSPITAL SAFE AND SOUND.
YASUHO-CHAN...

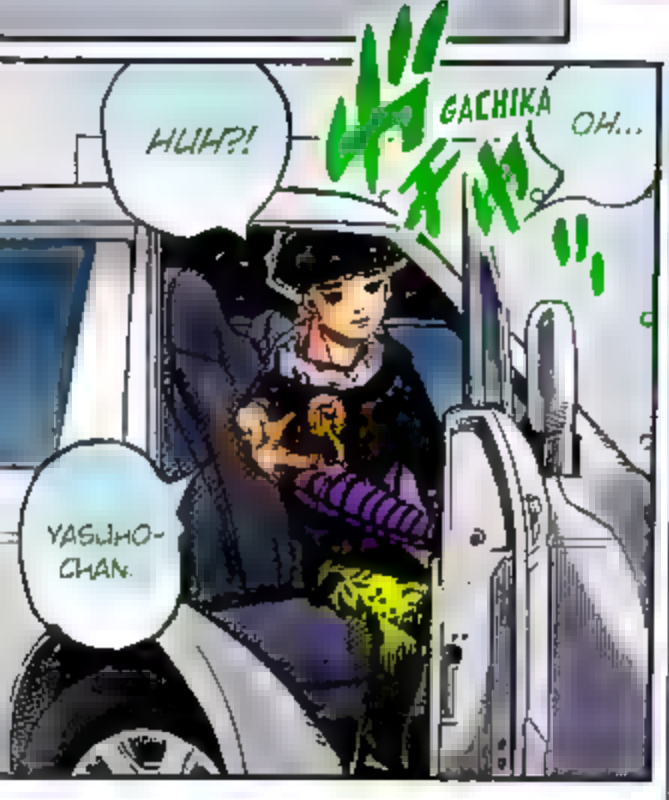
IT'S JUST NOT REALISTIC.
WHEN THAT FIRE WAS GOING ON, THE WHOLE FAMILY WAS LOCKED IN THE HOUSE IN A 'NEAR DEATH' STATE.
BUT I'M NOT SURE ABOUT HOW LIKELY IT IS THAT 'JOBIN' HAS THE 'BRANCH'.

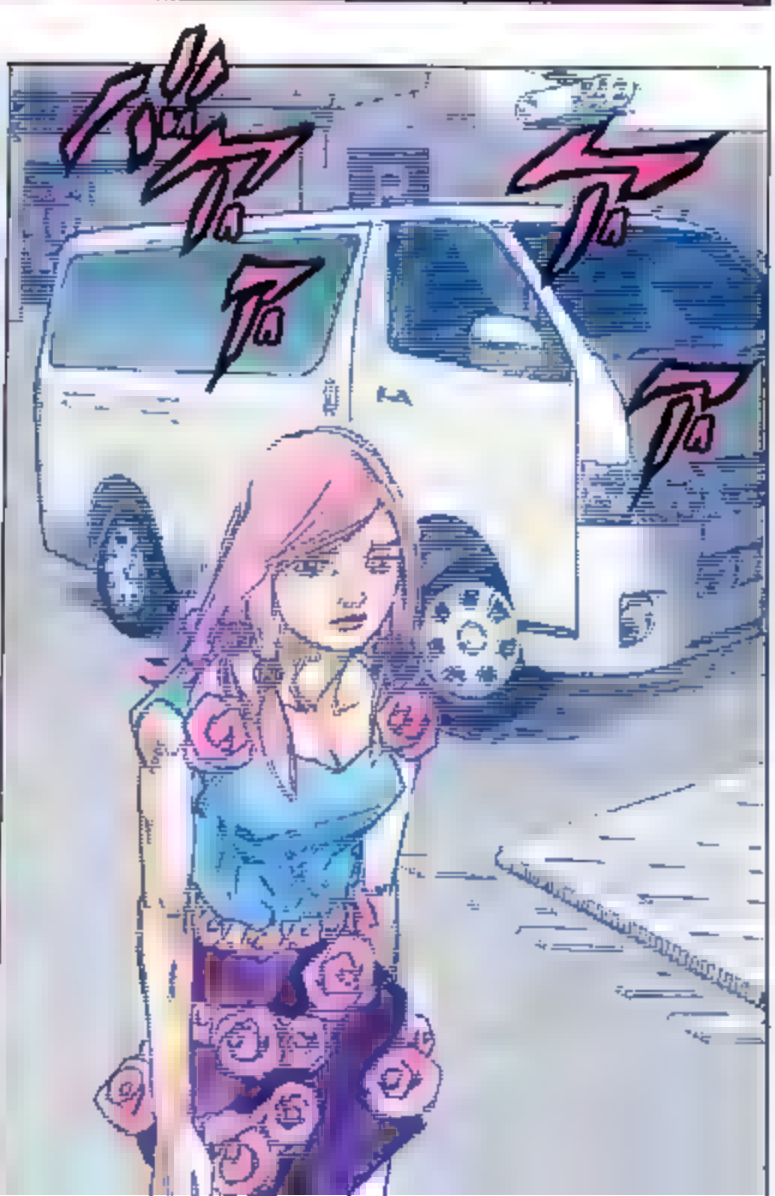

EVEN IF 'JOBIN' IS THE CULPRIT,
..HE'S CONNECTED TO THESE ROCK HUMANS. SO IN THAT CASE, WE'LL REACH JOBIN SOONER OR LATER!

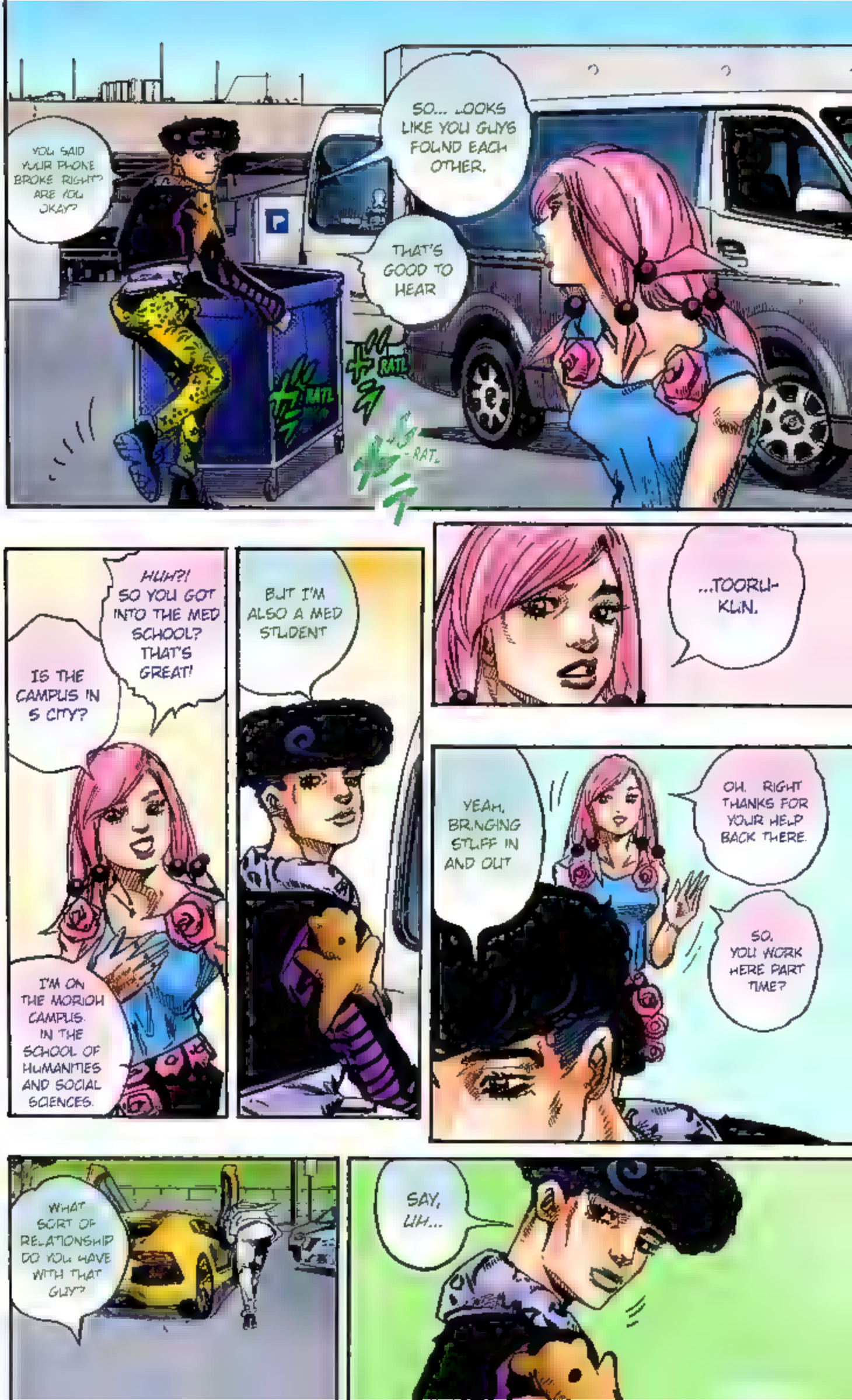
RIGHT NOW I FEEL LIKE THE ONE WE SHOULD BE HEADING AFTER IS THE 'MYSTERIOUS HEAD DOCTOR'

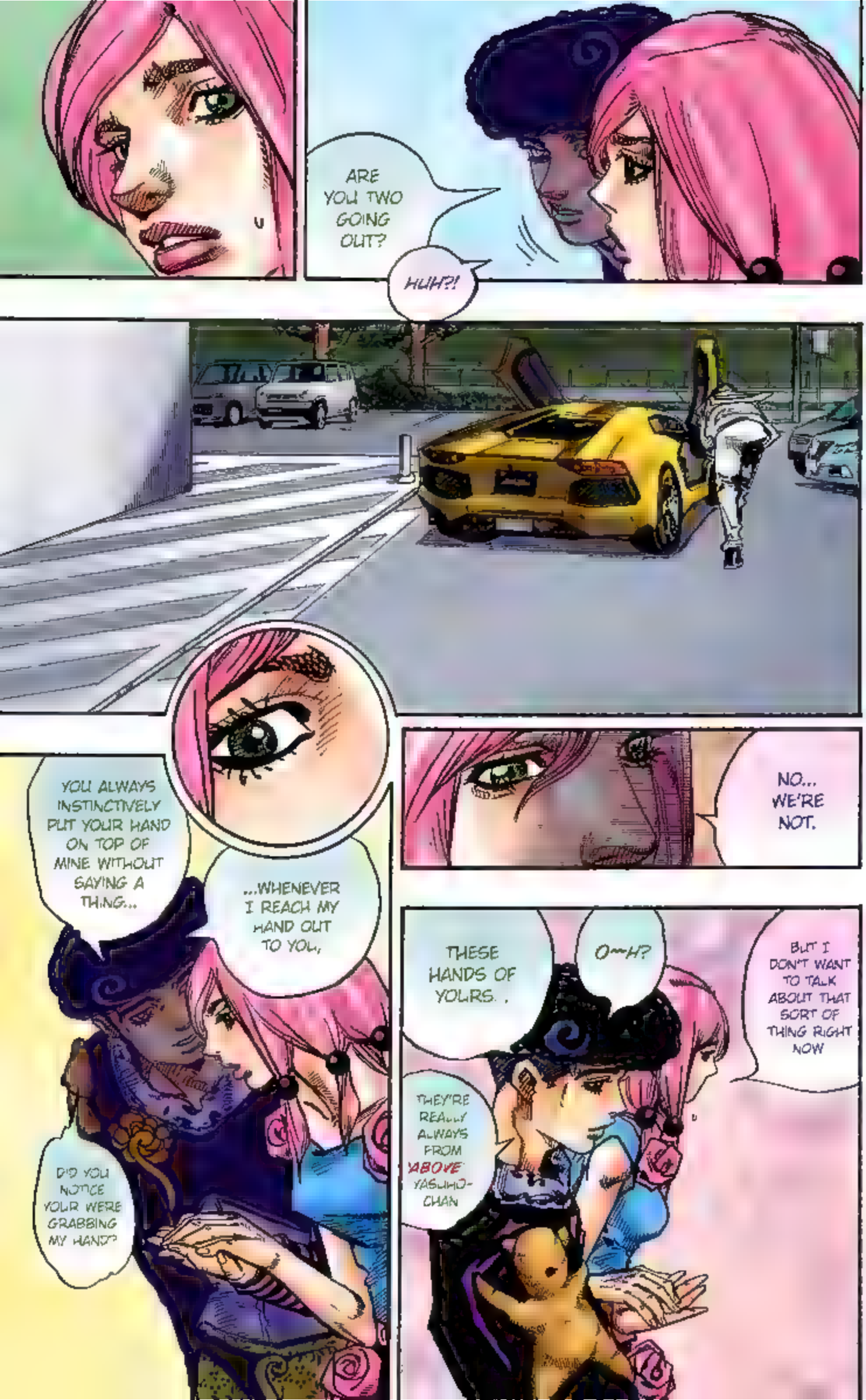


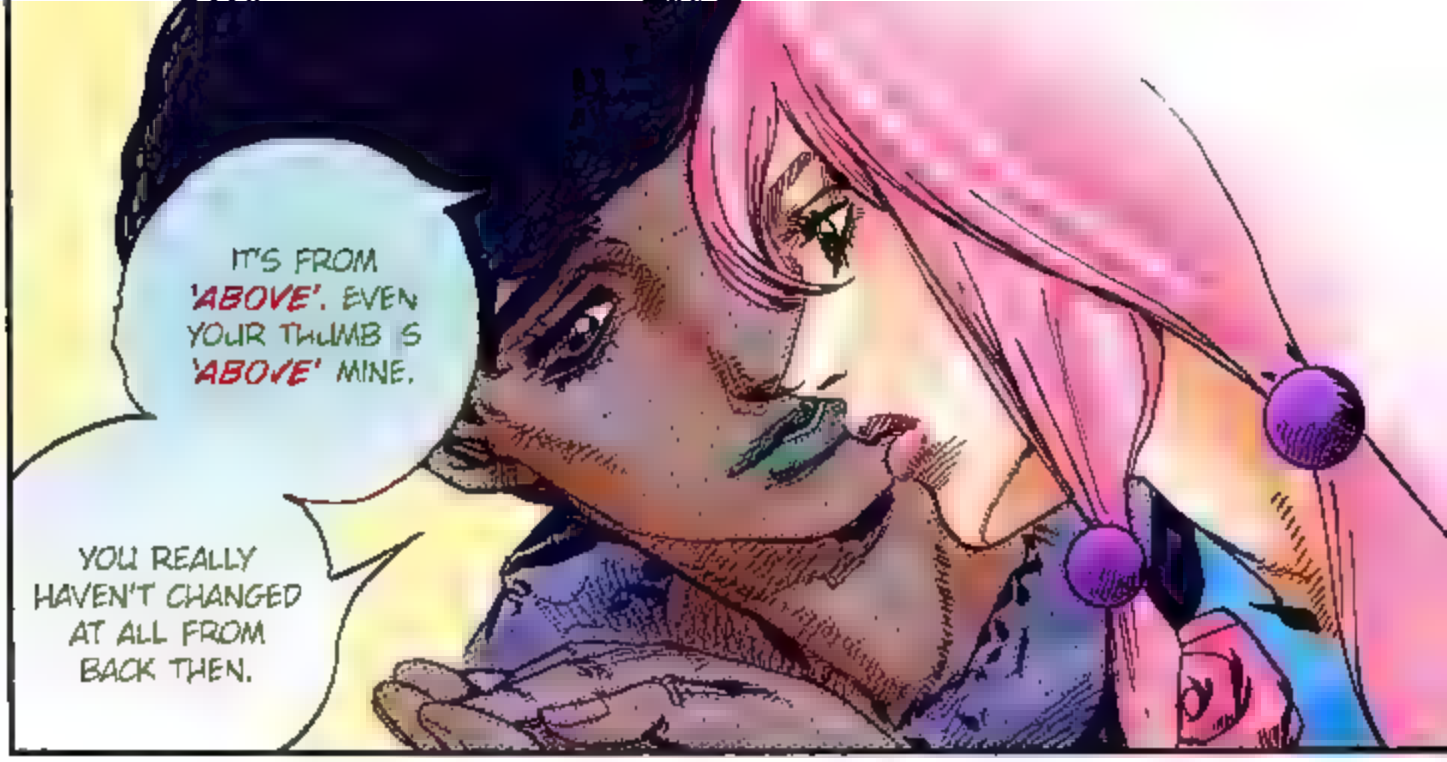

YASUHO-CHAN.
LET'S LOOK FOR A PHOTO OF THIS HEAD DOCTOR'S FACE.

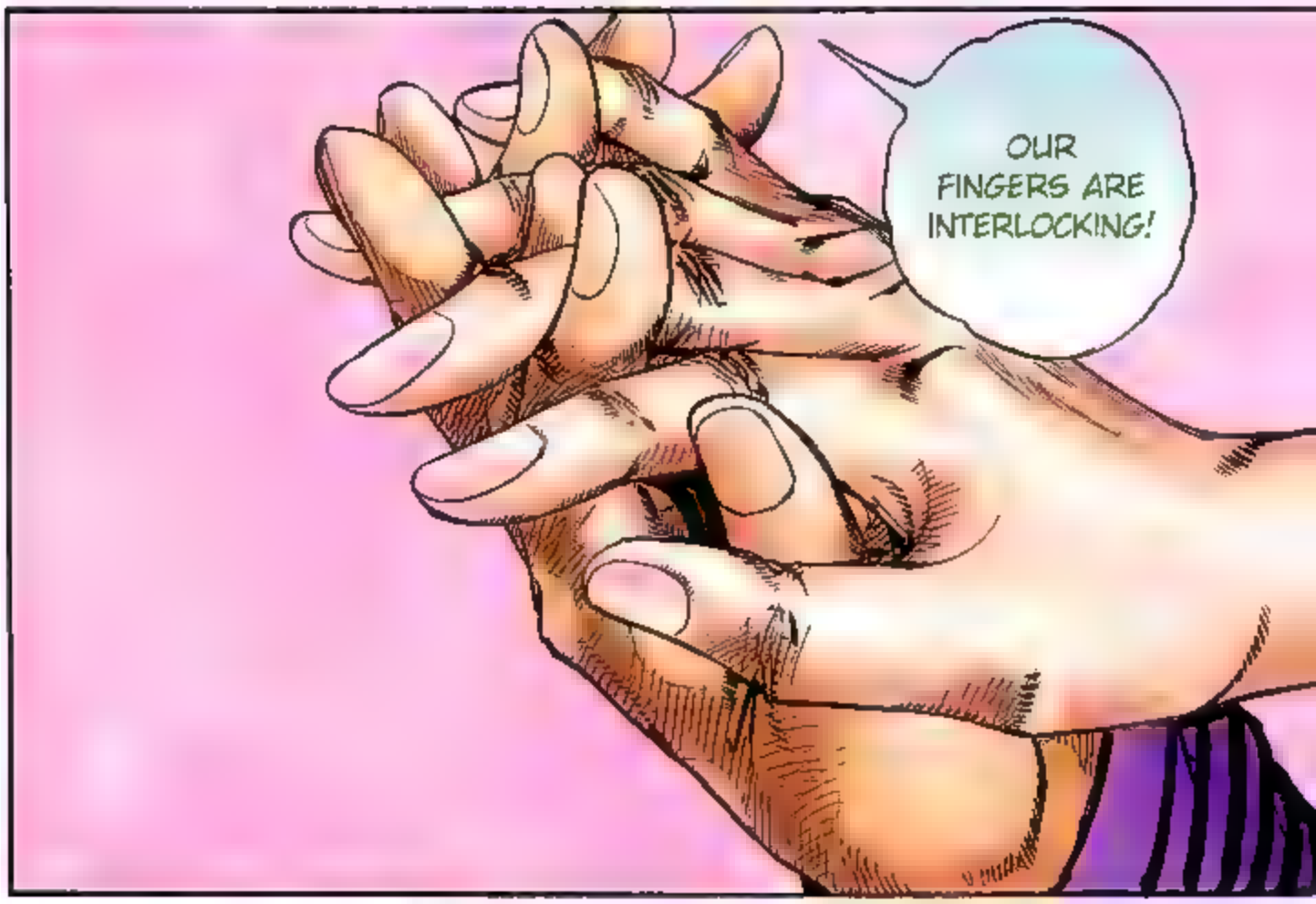

HUH?!
GACHIKA
OH...
YASUHO-CHAN.

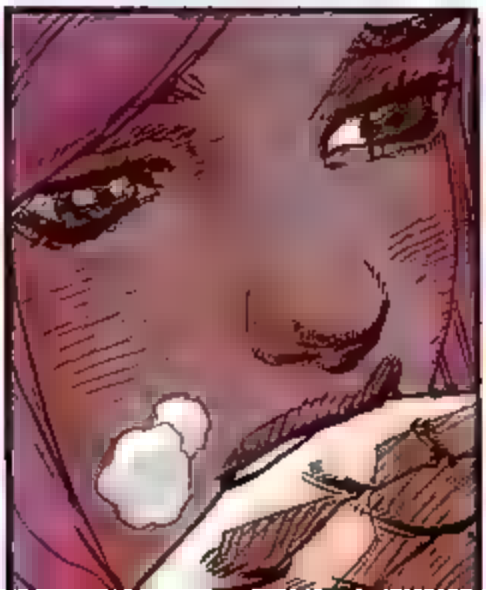


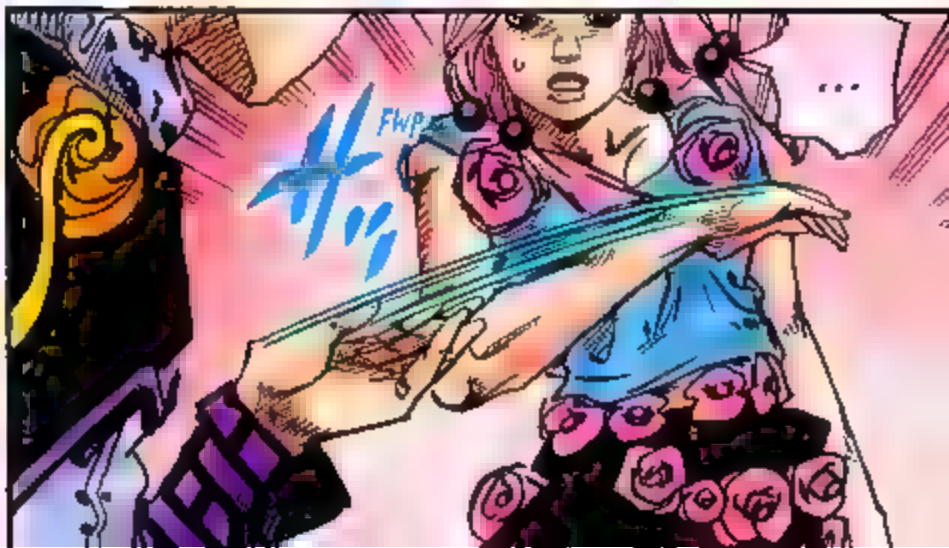

YOU SAID YOUR PHONE BROKE RIGHT? ARE YOU OKAY?
SO... LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS FOUND EACH OTHER.
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR
RATL
RATL
RATL
...TOORU-KUN.
HUH?! SO YOU GOT INTO THE MED SCHOOL? THAT'S GREAT!
IS THE CAMPUS IN S CITY?
I'M ON THE MORIOH CAMPUS. IN THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.
BUT I'M ALSO A MED STUDENT
OH. RIGHT THANKS FOR YOUR HELP BACK THERE.
YEAH, BRINGING STUFF IN AND OUT
SO, YOU WORK HERE PART TIME?
WHAT SORT OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH THAT GUY?
SAY, UH...


ARE YOU TWO GOING OUT?
HUH?!
NO... WE'RE NOT.
YOU ALWAYS INSTINCTIVELY PUT YOUR HAND ON TOP OF MINE WITHOUT SAYING A THING...
...WHENEVER I REACH MY HAND OUT TO YOU,
DID YOU NOTICE YOUR WERE GRABBING MY HAND?
THESE HANDS OF YOURS. .
O~H?
BUT I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING RIGHT NOW
THEY'RE REALLY ALWAYS FROM ABOVE YASUHO-CHAN


IT'S FROM 'ABOVE'. EVEN YOUR THUMB IS 'ABOVE' MINE.
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL FROM BACK THEN.


OUR FINGERS ARE INTERLOCKING!

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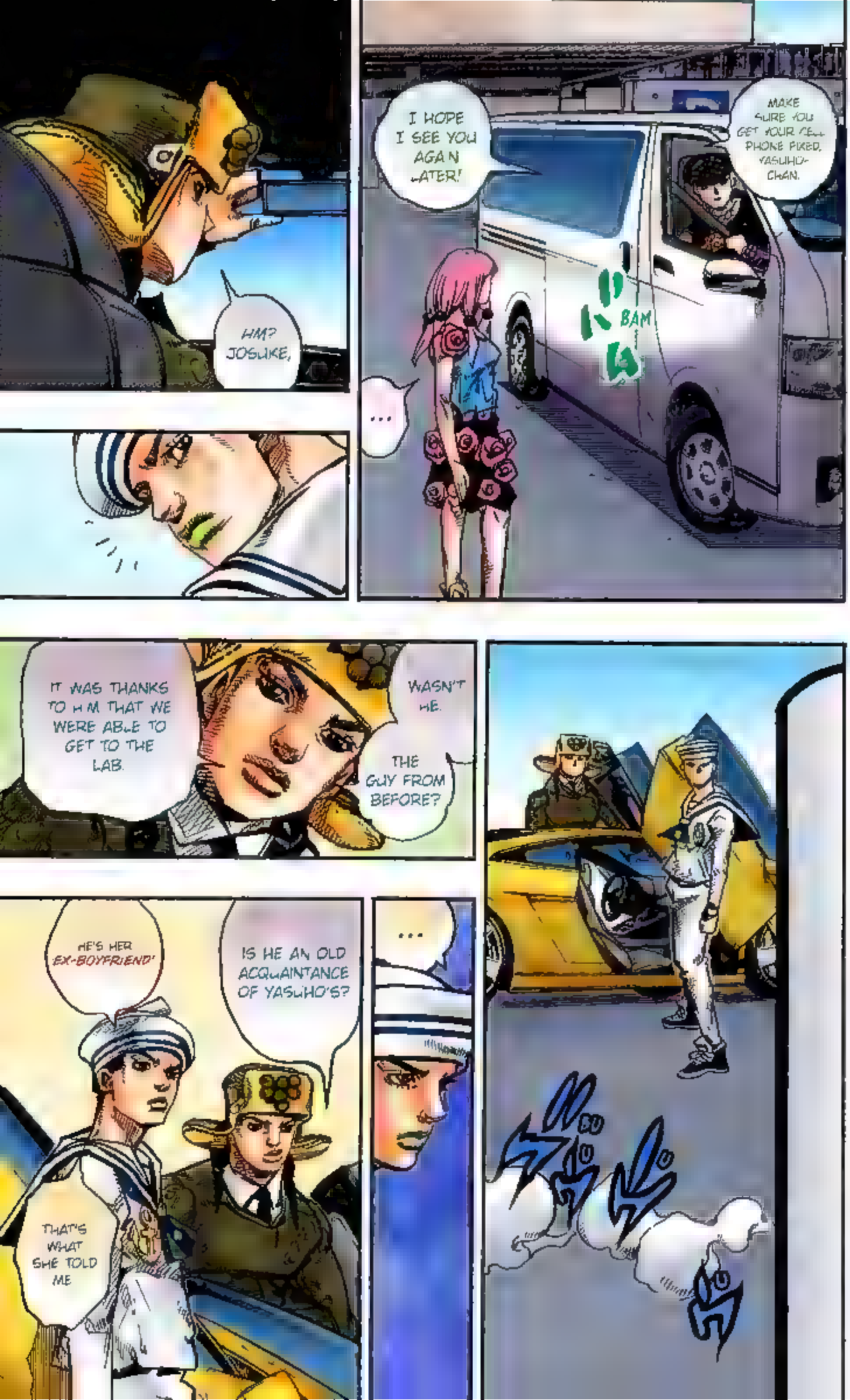
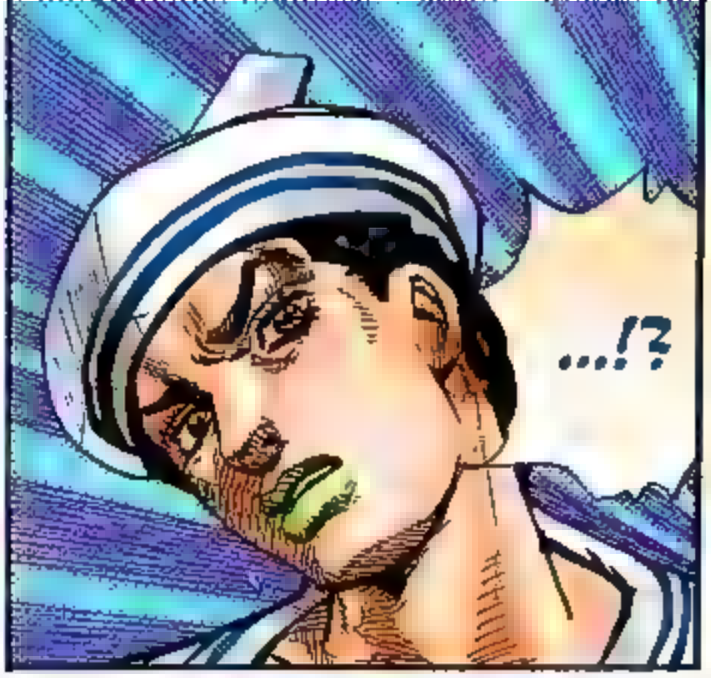

HM? JOSUKE,
I HOPE I SEE YOU AGAIN LATER!
MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR CELL PHONE FIXED, YASUHO-CHAN.
BAM
...
IT WAS THANKS TO HIM THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET TO THE LAB.
WASN'T HE.
THE GUY FROM BEFORE?
HE'S HER EX-BOYFRIEND!
IS HE AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF YASUHO'S?
...
THAT'S WHAT SHE TOLD ME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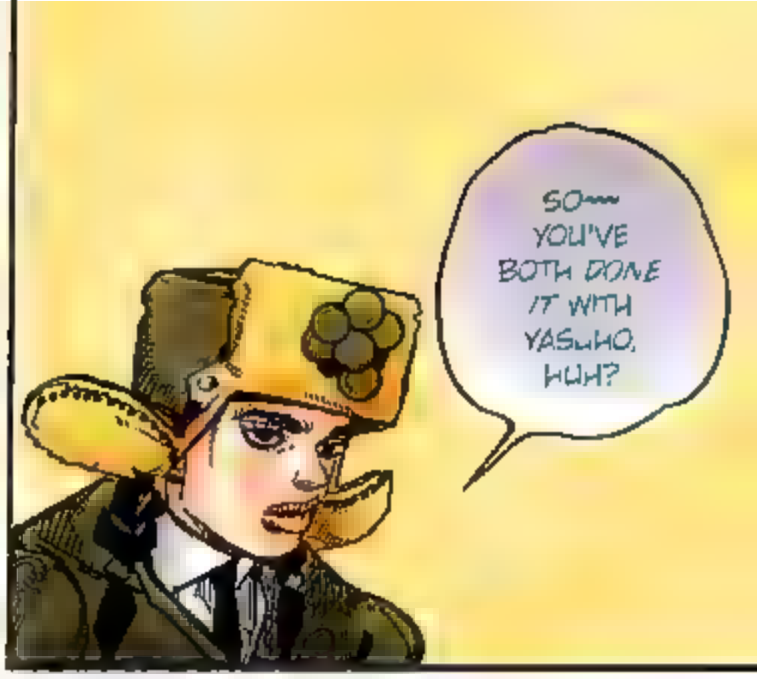
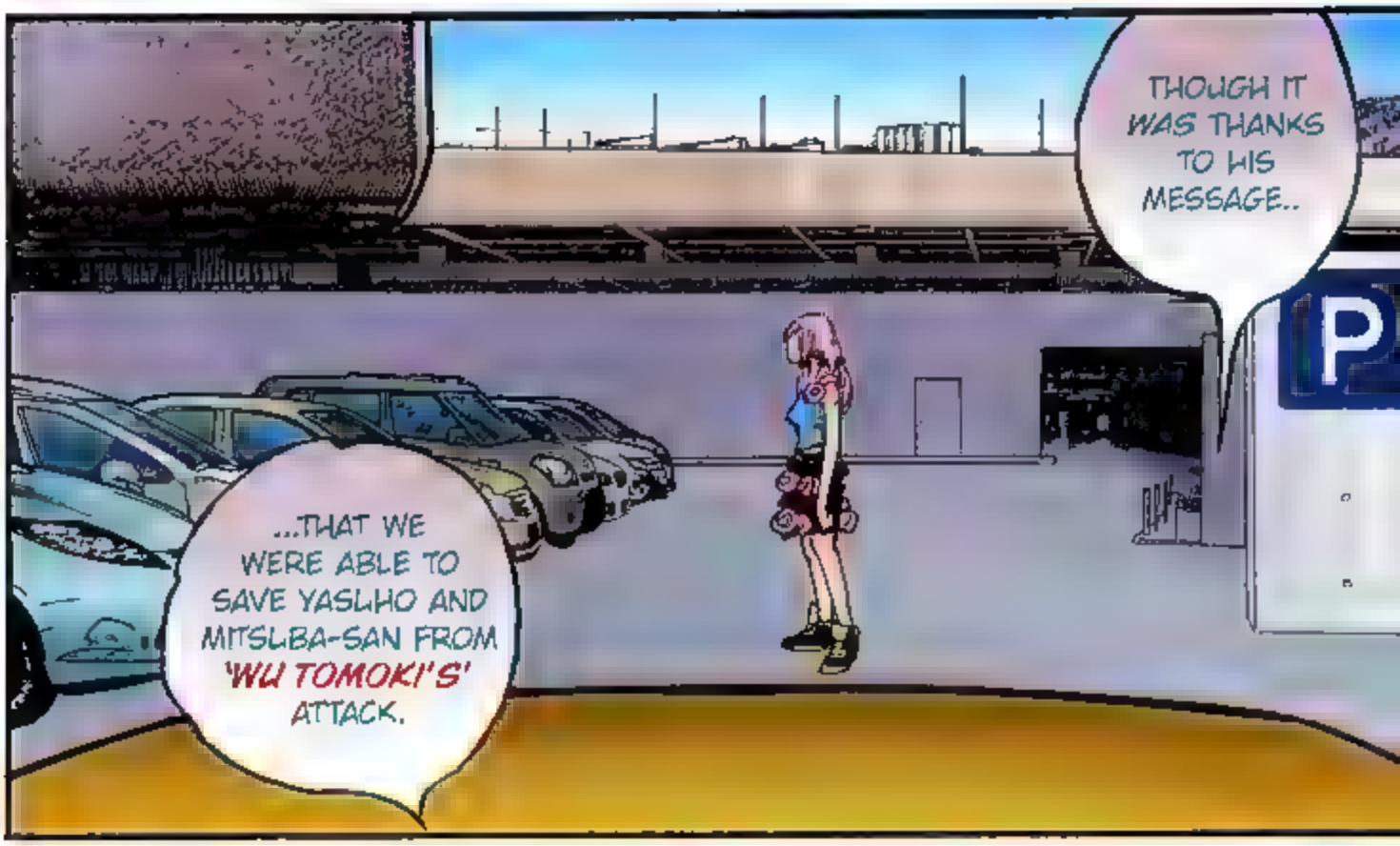
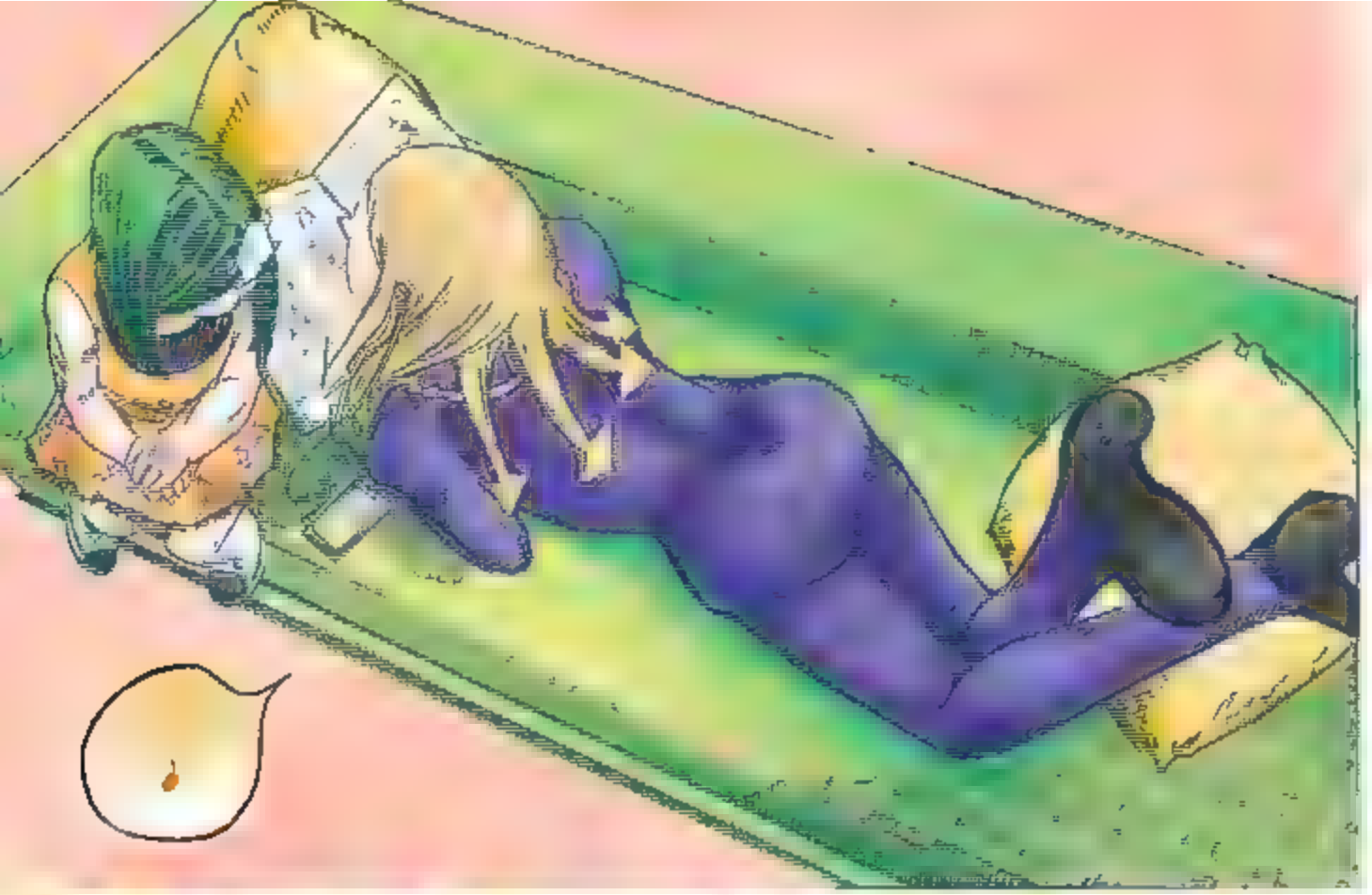
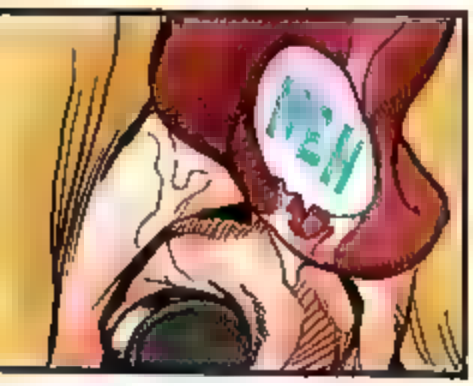

SO~~ YOU'VE BOTH DONE IT WITH YASUHO, HUH?

MAYBE WE SHOULD CHECK UP ON WHO HE IS.
WHAT? THIS SHIT IS IMPORTANT.
. THIS GUY JUST SHOWED UP ALL OF A SUDDEN.


THOUGH IT WAS THANKS TO HIS MESSAGE..
...THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE YASUHO AND MITSUBA-SAN FROM 'WU TOMOKI'S' ATTACK.

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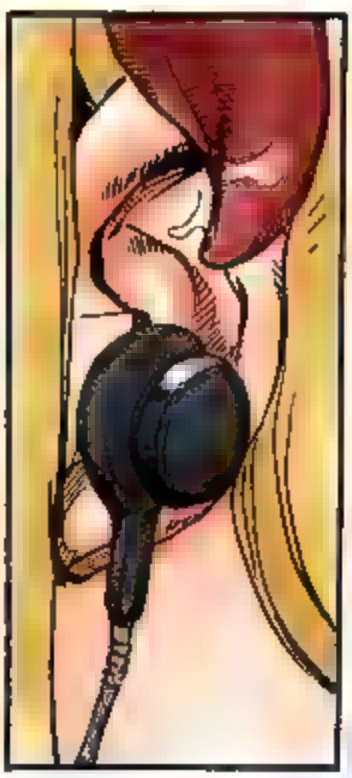

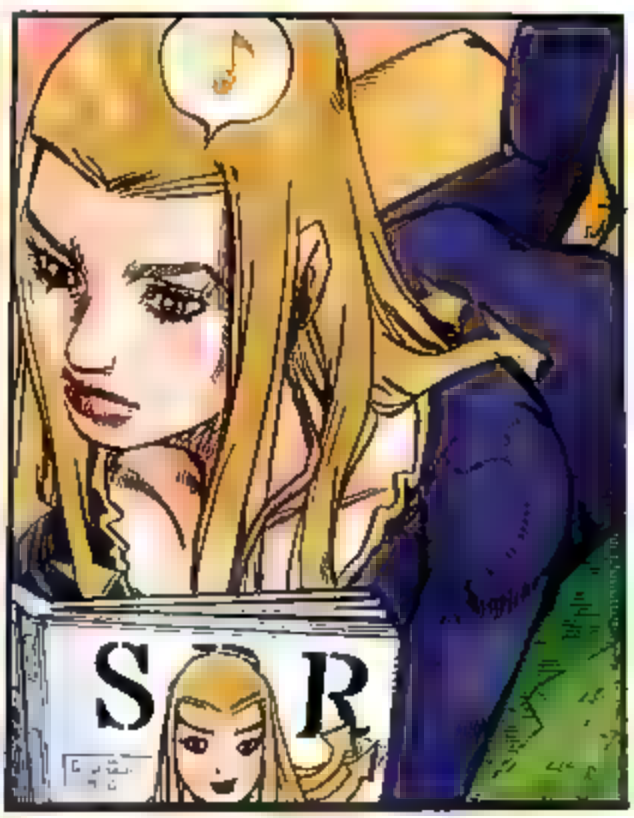
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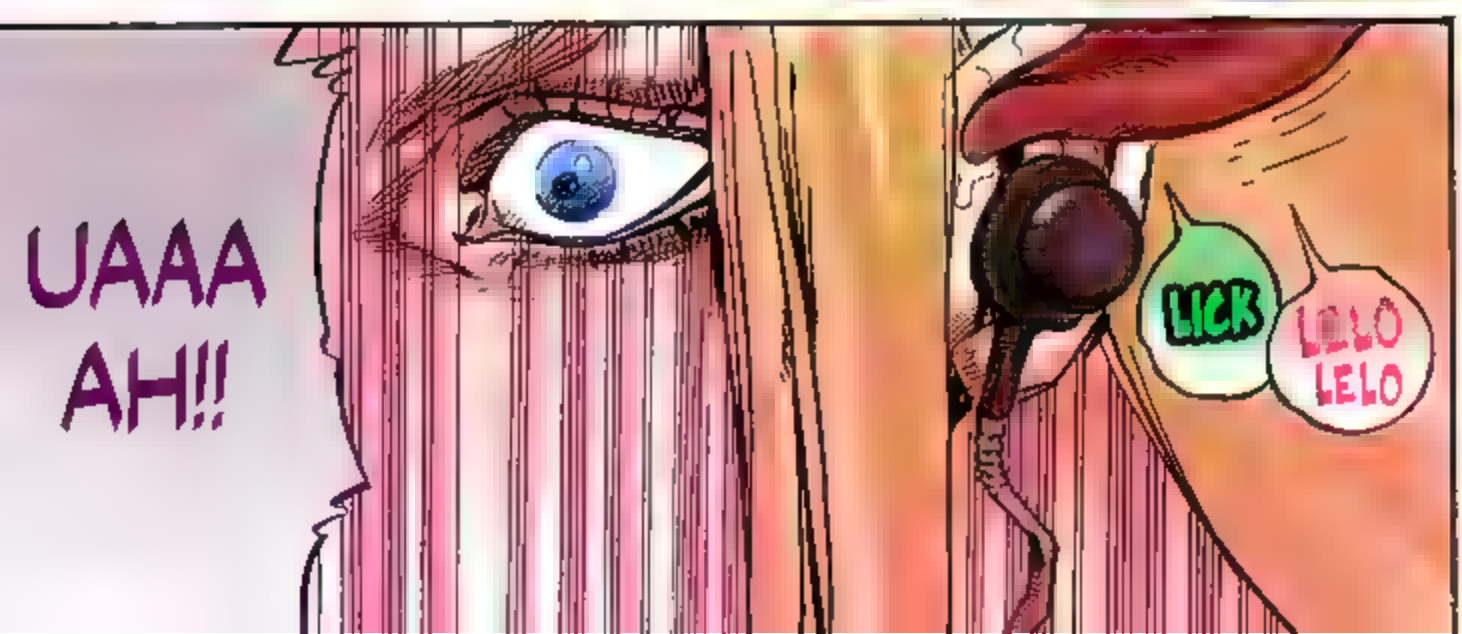
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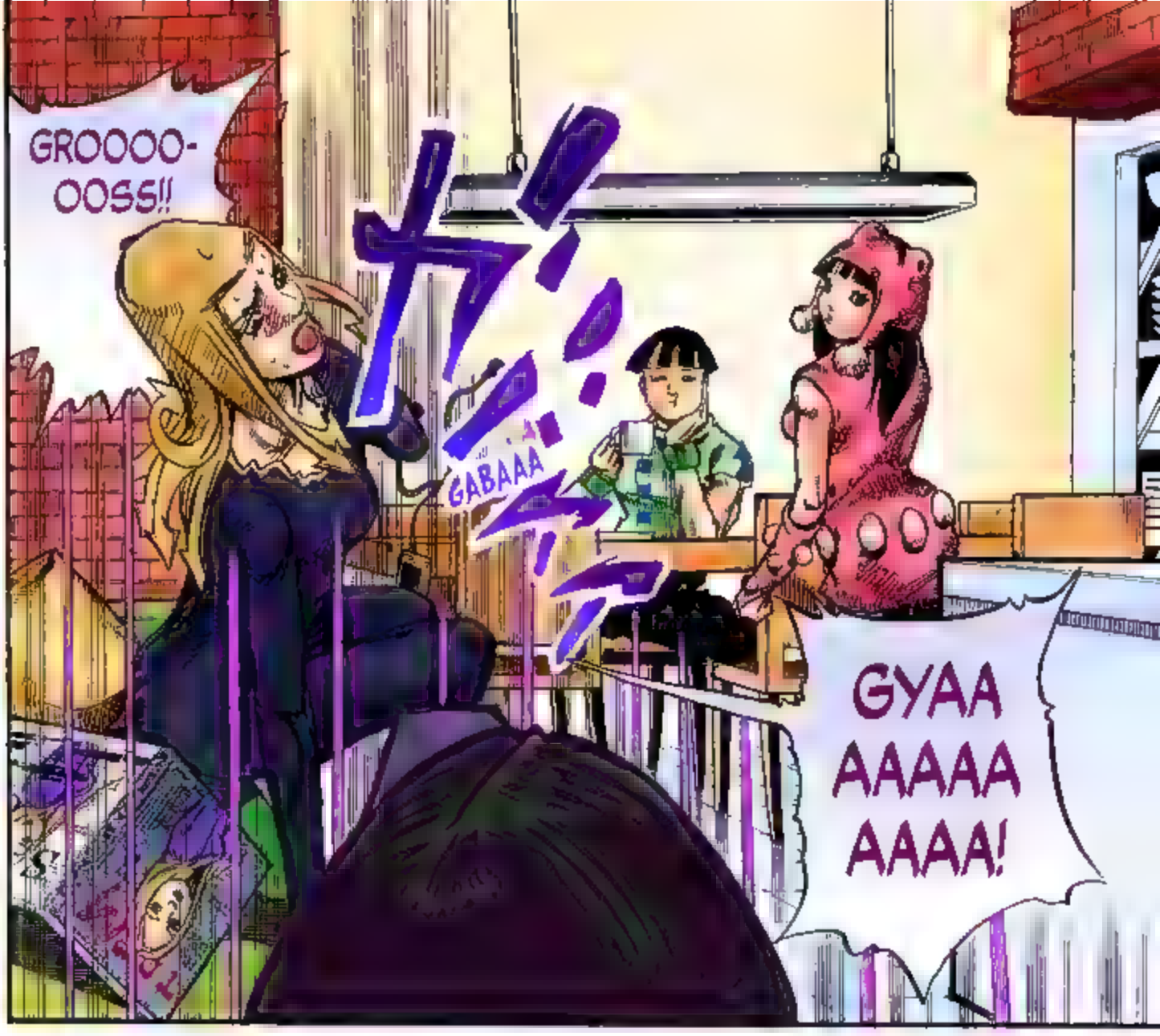
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HECK YOU
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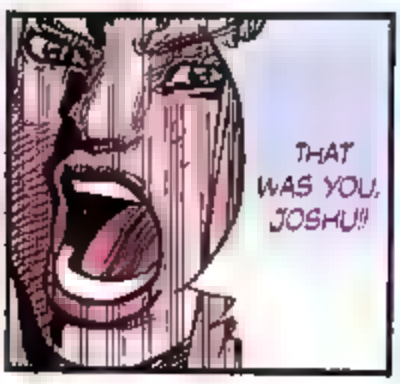
YOU JUST DID
SOMETHING
TO ME, DIDN'T
YOU?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WAS YOU,
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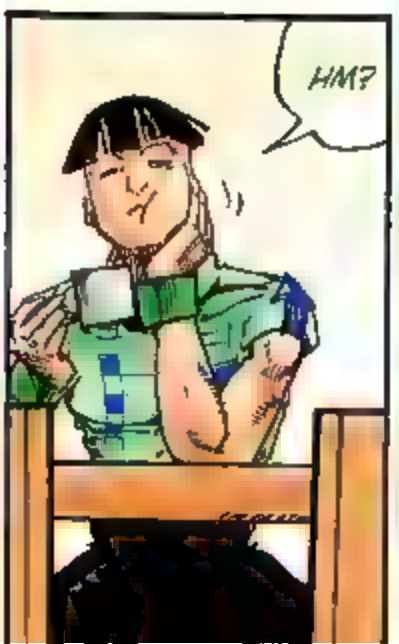
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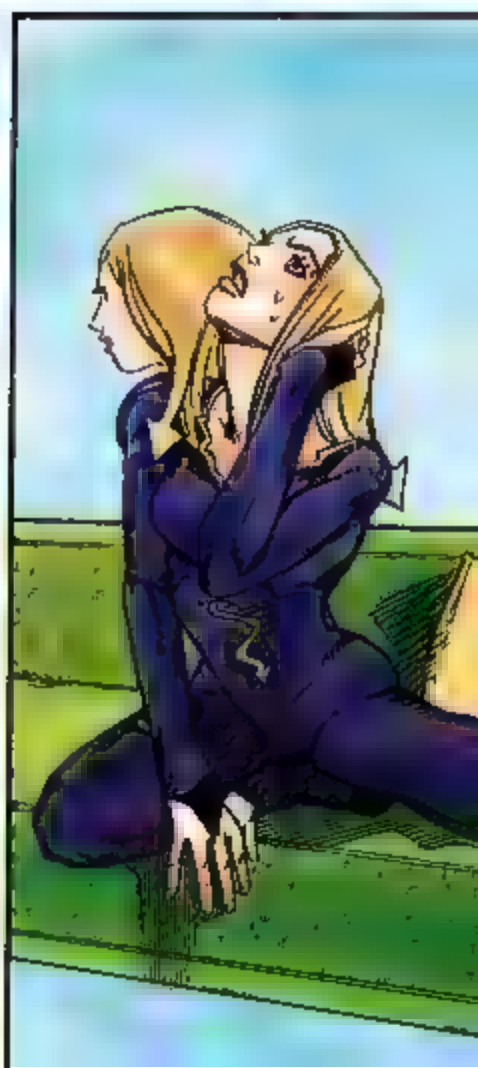
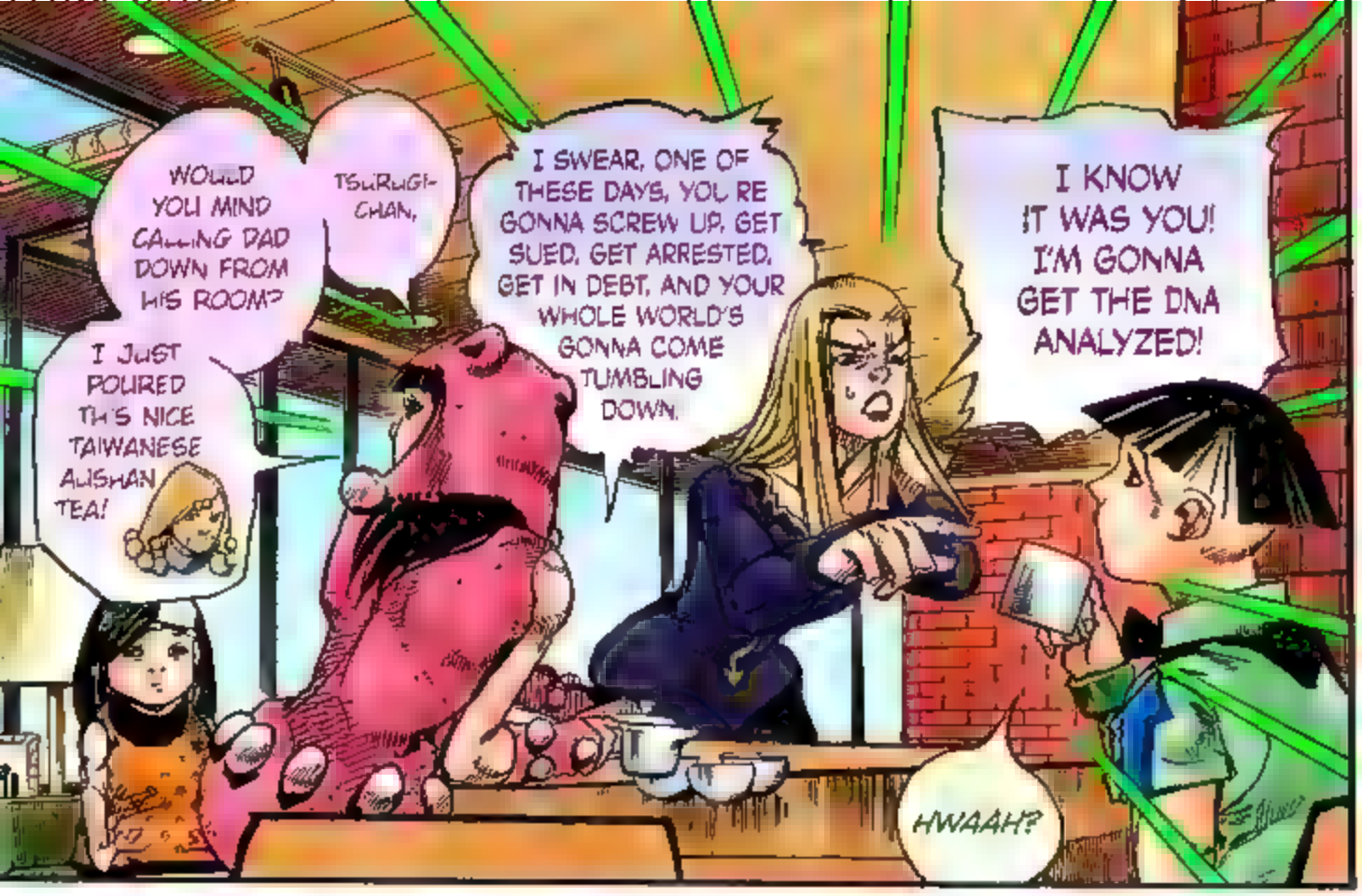
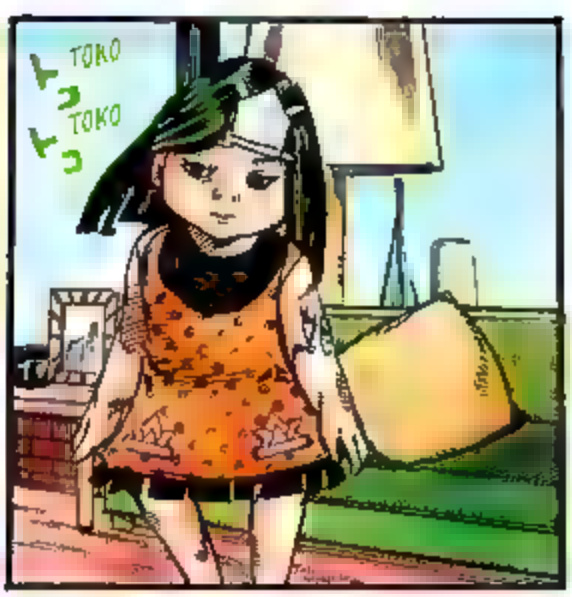



TSURUGI-CHAN,
WOULD YOU MIND CALLING DAD DOWN FROM HIS ROOM?
I JUST POURED TH'S NICE TAIWANESE ALISHAN TEA!
I SWEAR, ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOU RE GONNA SCREW UP, GET SUED, GET ARRESTED, GET IN DEBT, AND YOUR WHOLE WORLD'S GONNA COME TUMBLING DOWN.
I KNOW IT WAS YOU! I'M GONNA GET THE DNA ANALYZED!
HWAAH?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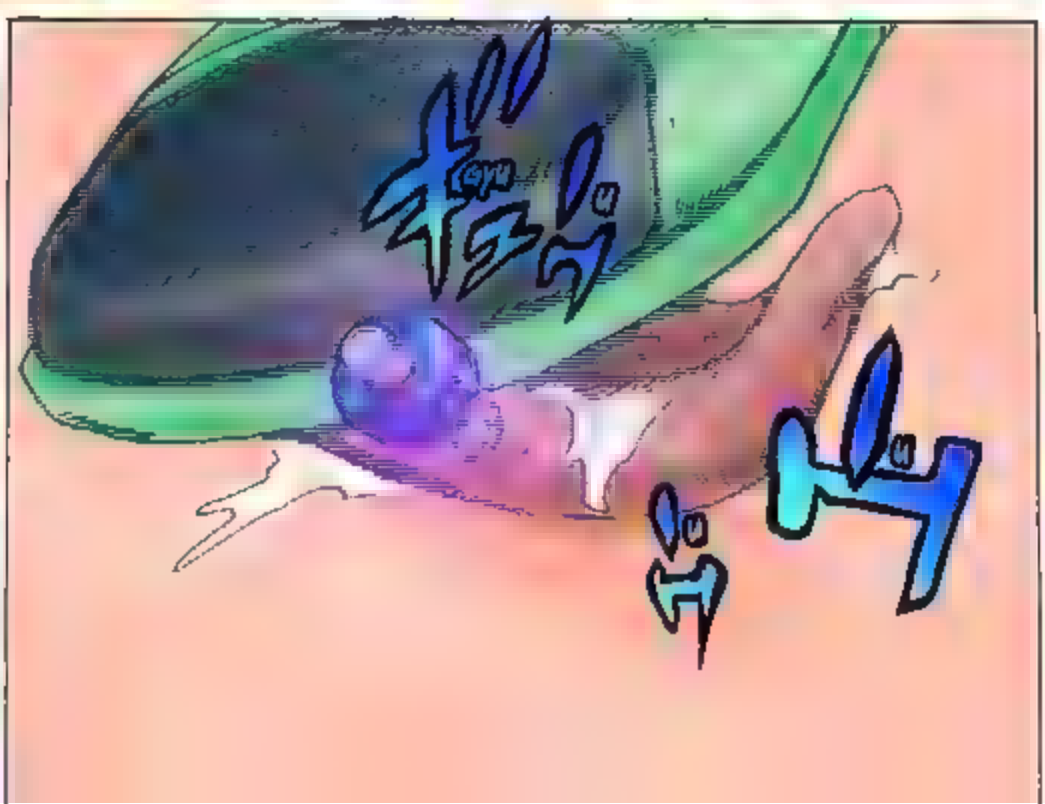

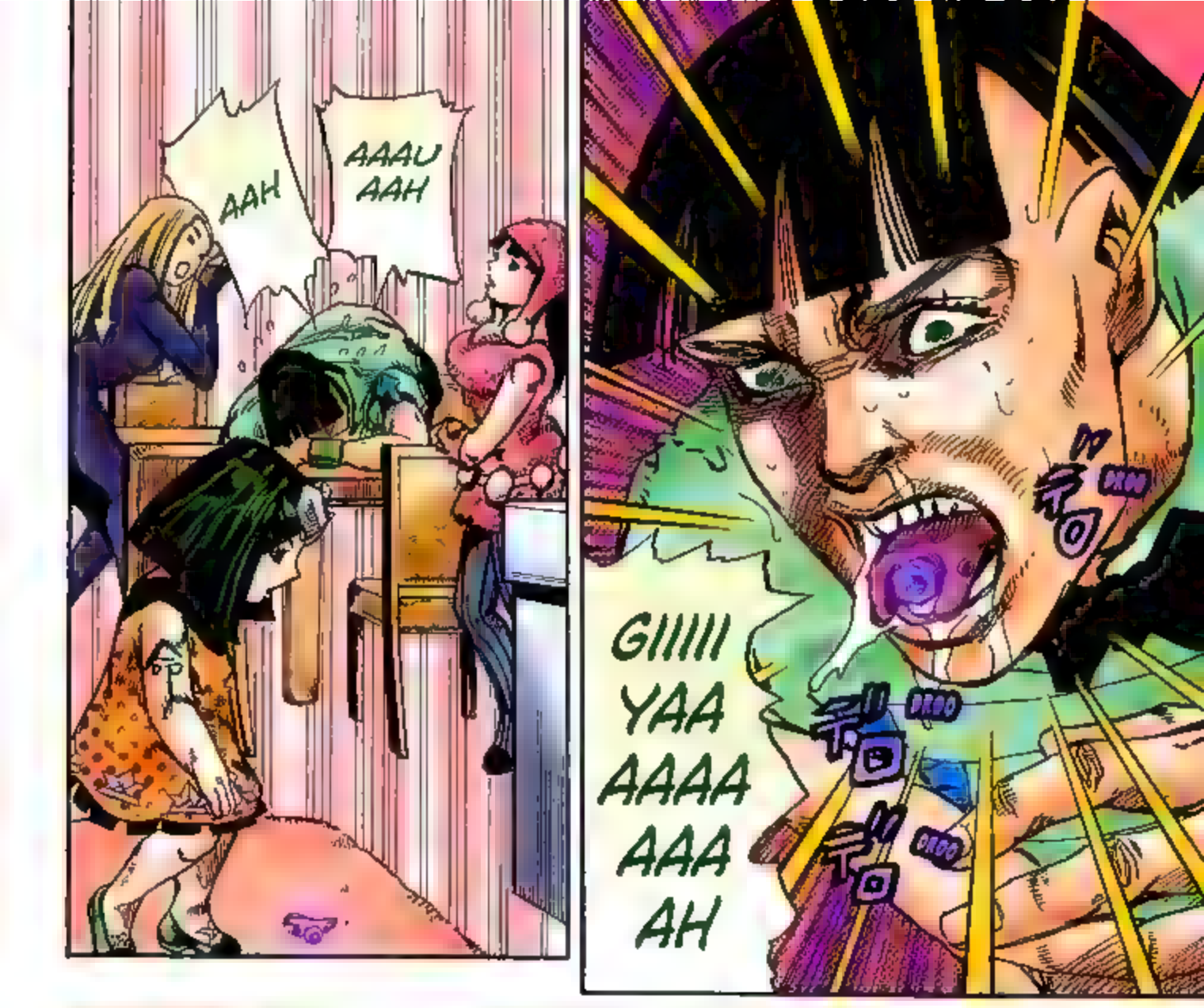
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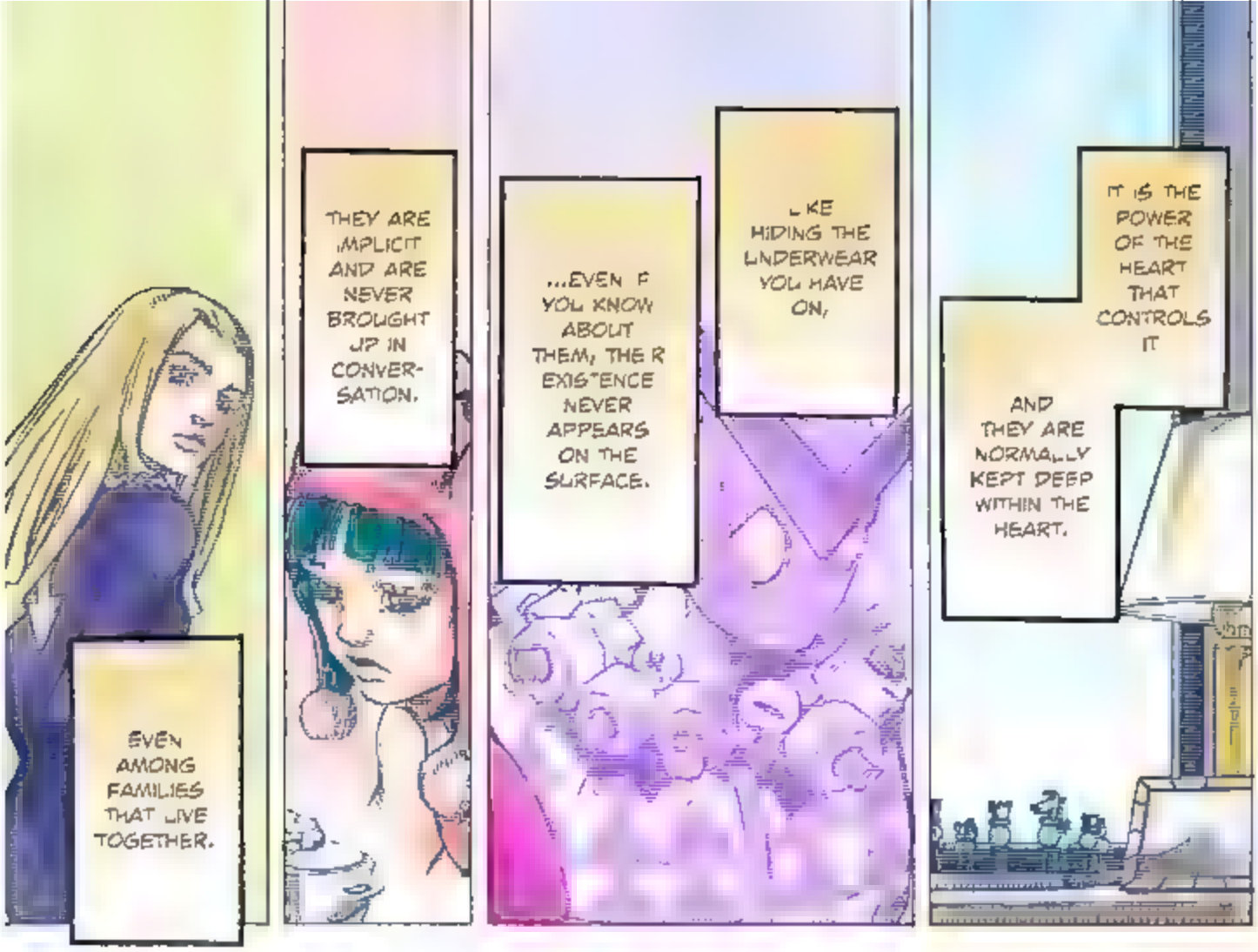
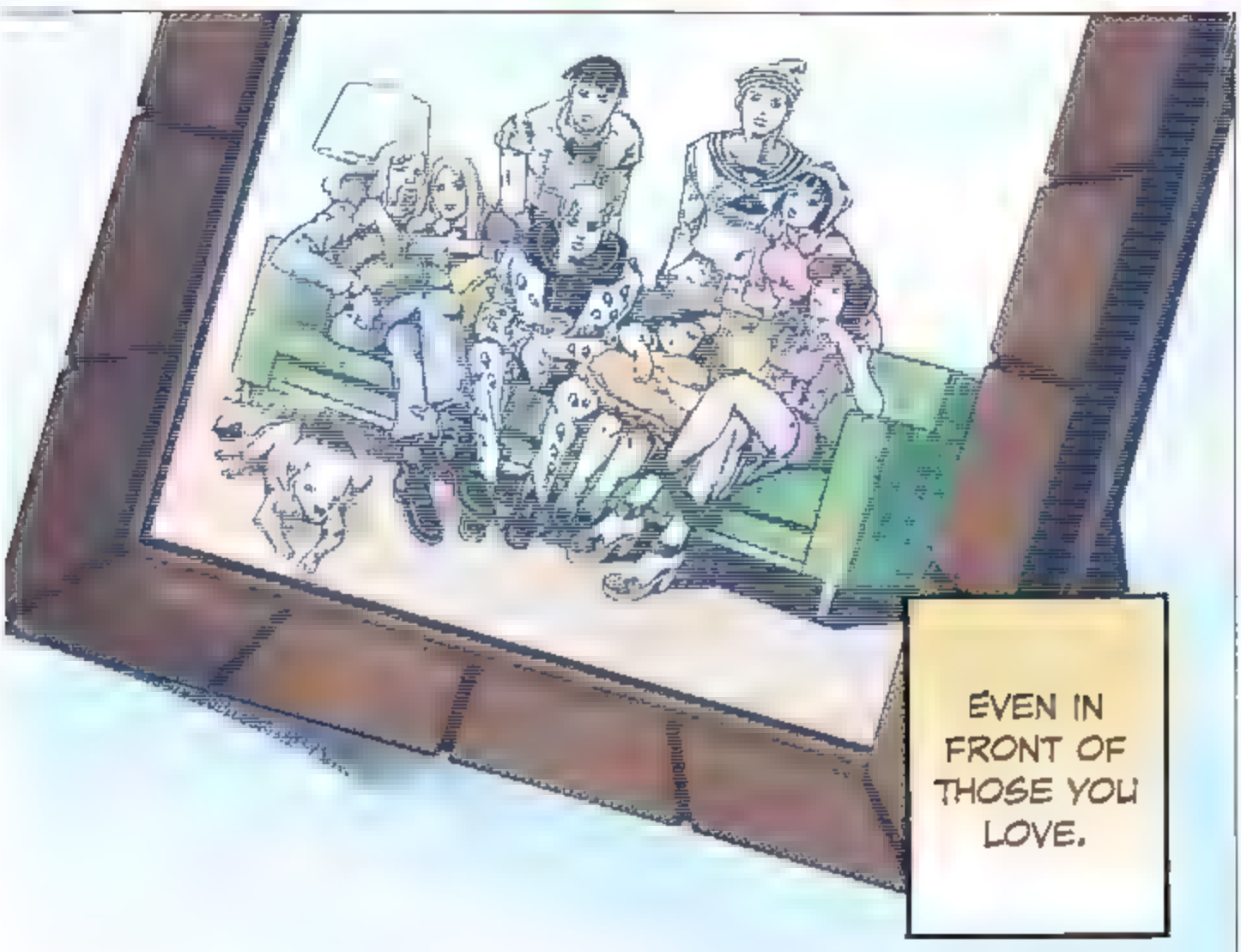
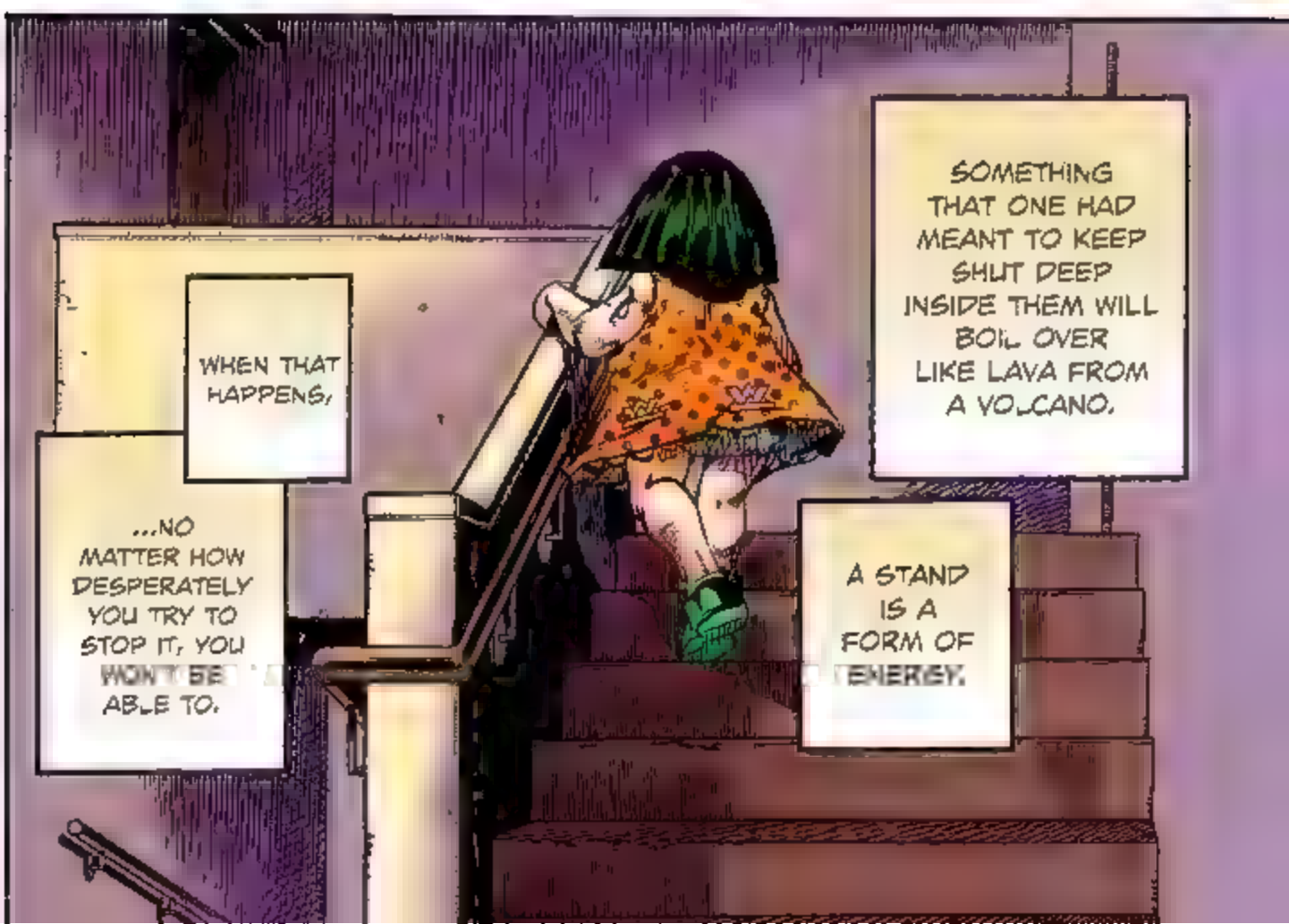
THEY ARE A REFLECTION OF THE SHAPE AND STATE OF ONE'S HEART.
"STAND ABILITIES".


EVEN AMONG FAMILIES THAT LIVE TOGETHER.
THEY ARE IMPLICIT AND ARE NEVER BROUGHT UP IN CONVER-SATION.
...EVEN IF YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM, THEIR EXISTENCE NEVER APPEARS ON THE SURFACE.
LIKE HIDING THE UNDERWEAR YOU HAVE ON,
AND THEY ARE NORMALLY KEPT DEEP WITHIN THE HEART.
IT IS THE POWER OF THE HEART THAT CONTROLS IT


EVEN IN FRONT OF THOSE YOU LOVE.

SOMETIMES, WHEN ONE ACCIDENTALLY STEPS IN THE WRONG PLACE...
...AND AGE AS TIME GOES ON...
...FEELS THINGS LIKE FATIGUE...
THE HEART, ALONG WITH A STAND ABILITY,
BUT OCCASIONALLY, THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE HEART.


...NO MATTER HOW DESPERATELY YOU TRY TO STOP IT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS,
A STAND IS A FORM OF ENERGY.
SOMETHING THAT ONE HAD MEANT TO KEEP SHUT DEEP INSIDE THEM WILL BOIL OVER LIKE LAVA FROM A VOLCANO.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT...
...UNTIL IT STOPS AT ITS DESTINATION...

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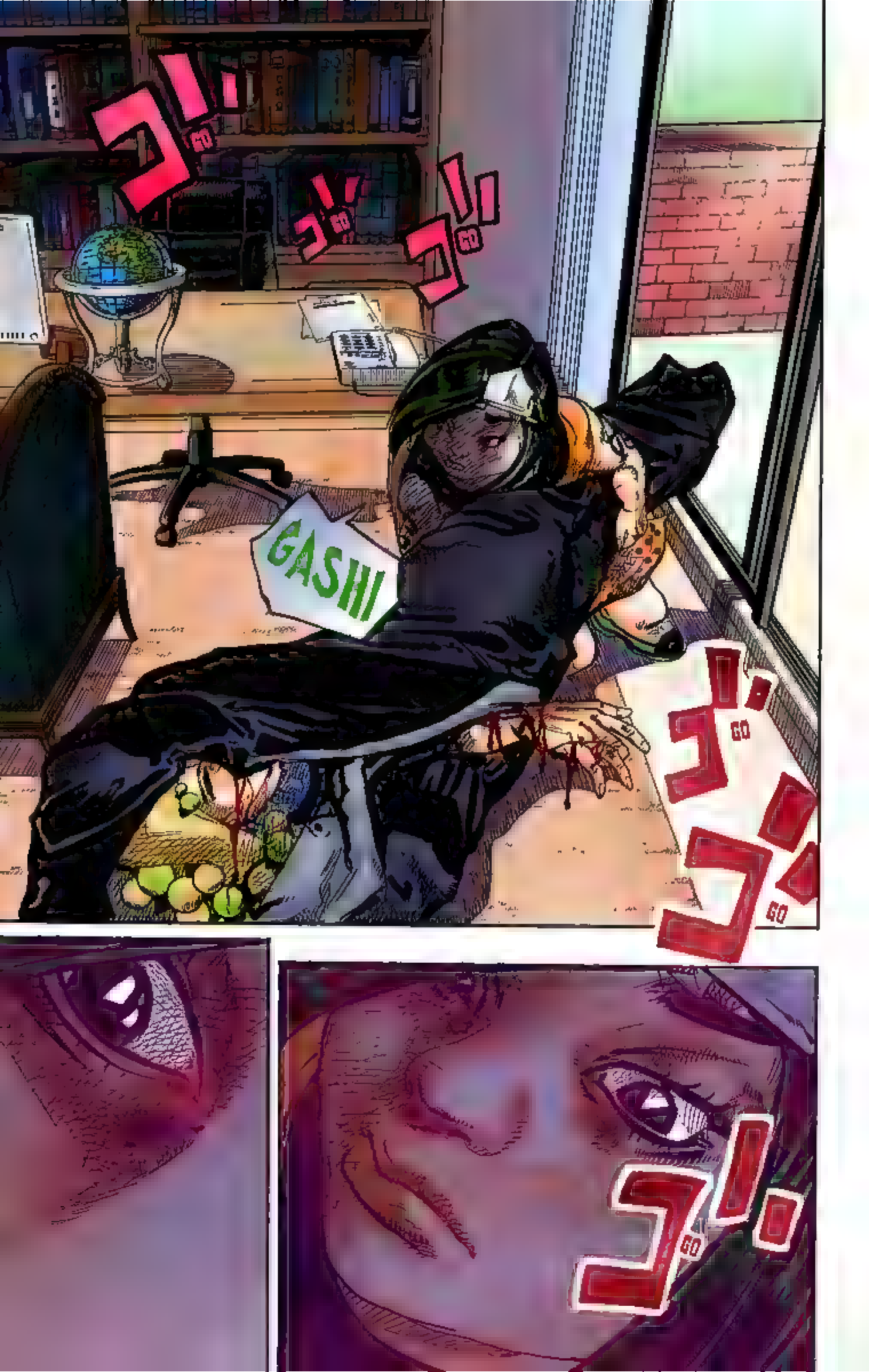
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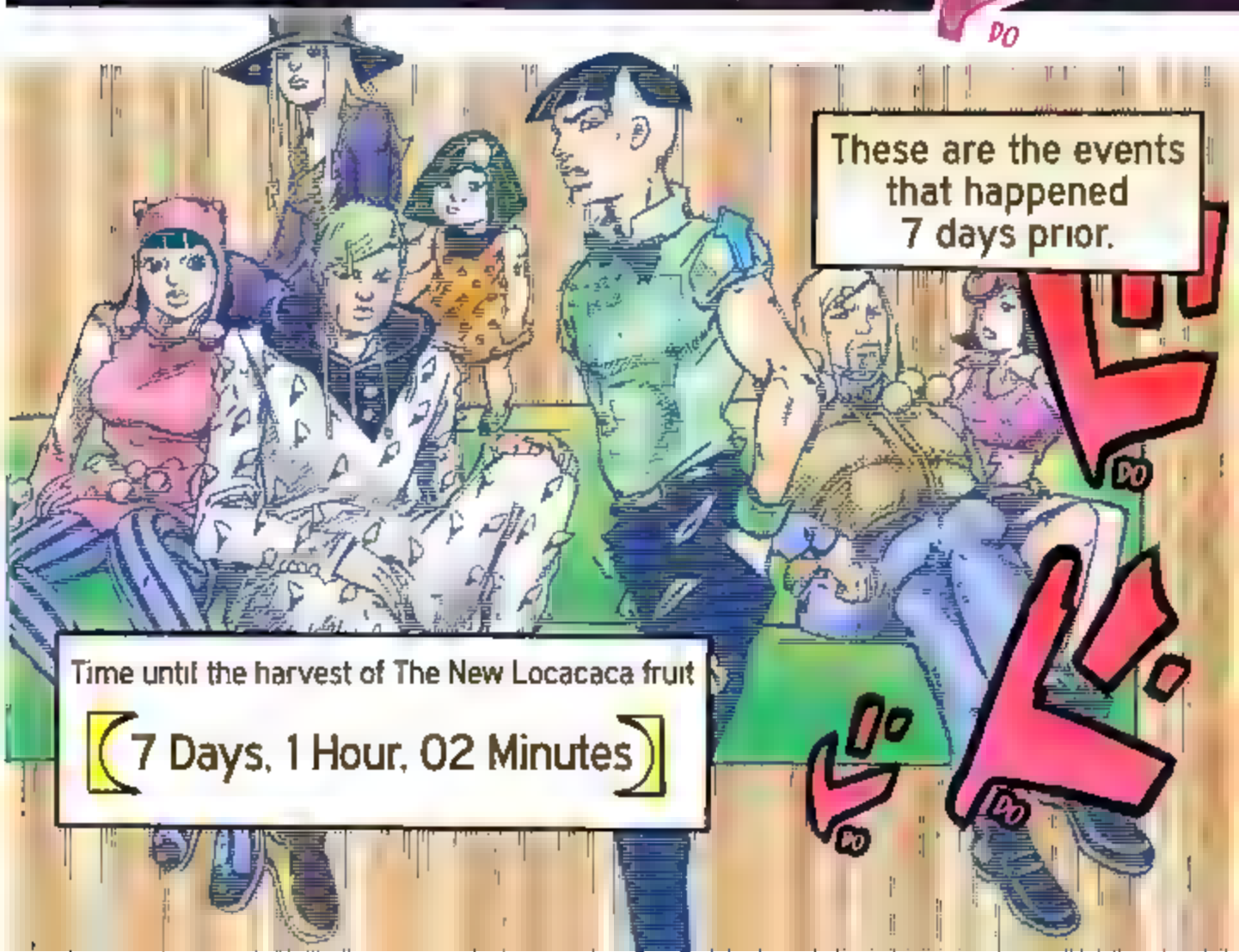
Time until the harvest of The New Locacaca fruit

[0 Days, 0 Hours, 13 Minutes]


These are the events that happened 7 days prior.
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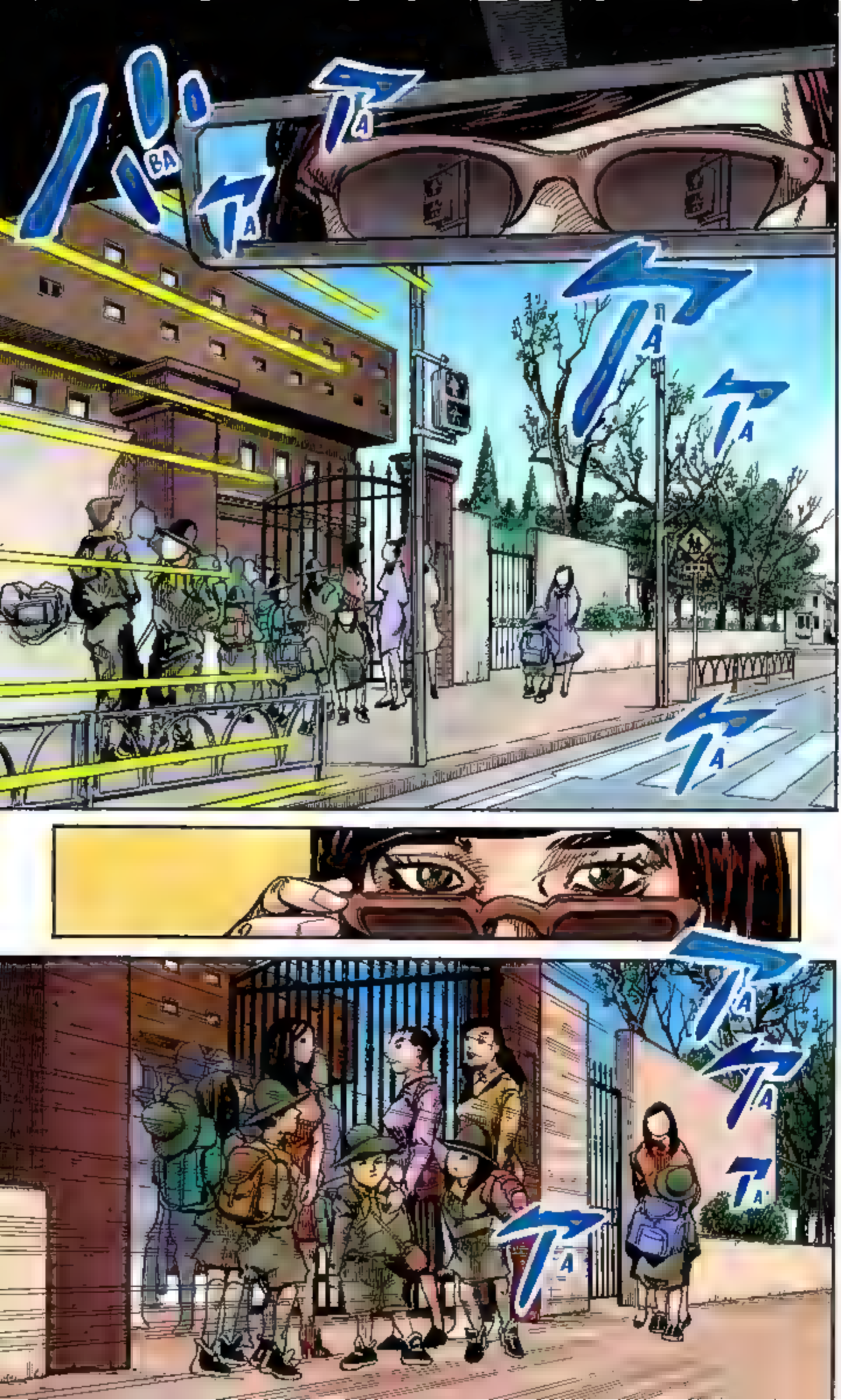
Time until the harvest of The New Locacaca fruit
[7 Days, 1 Hour, 02 Minutes]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HELLO, M...
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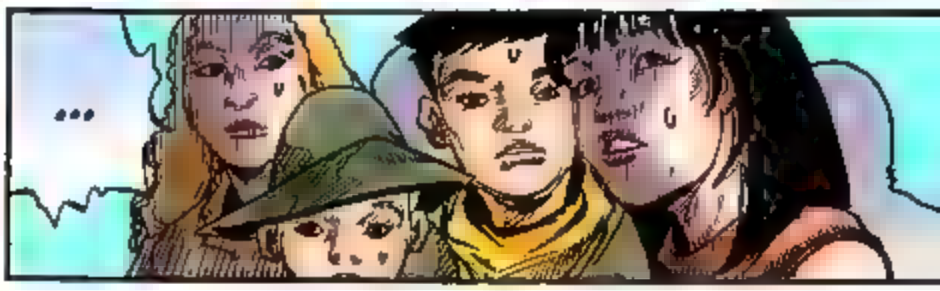
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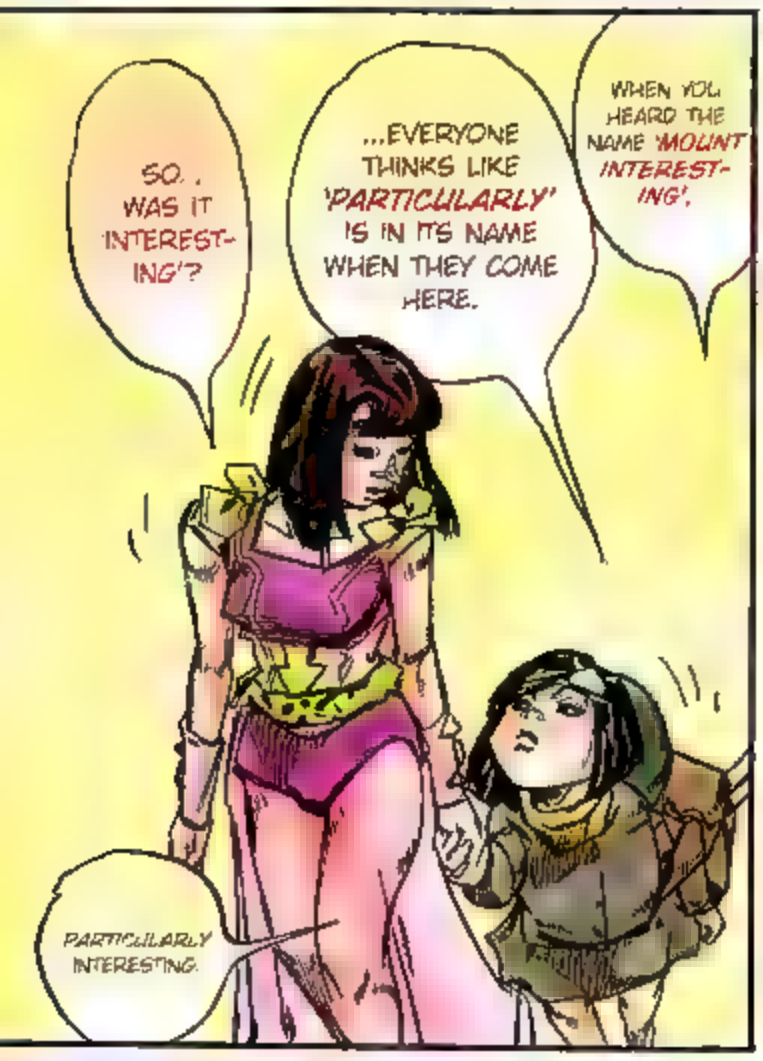
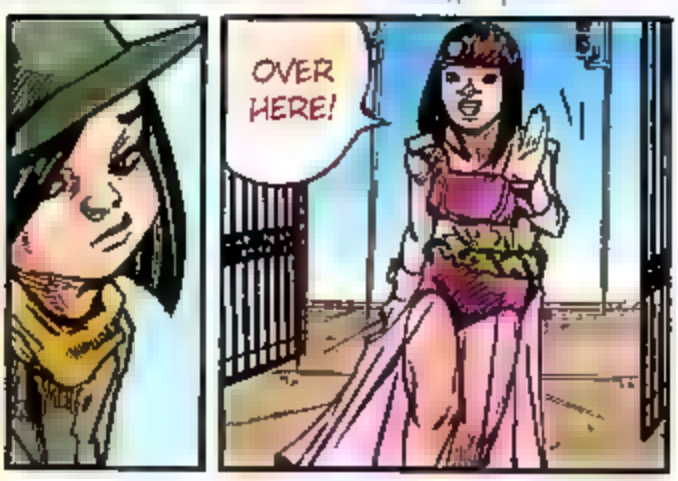
TSURUGI...
OVER HERE!

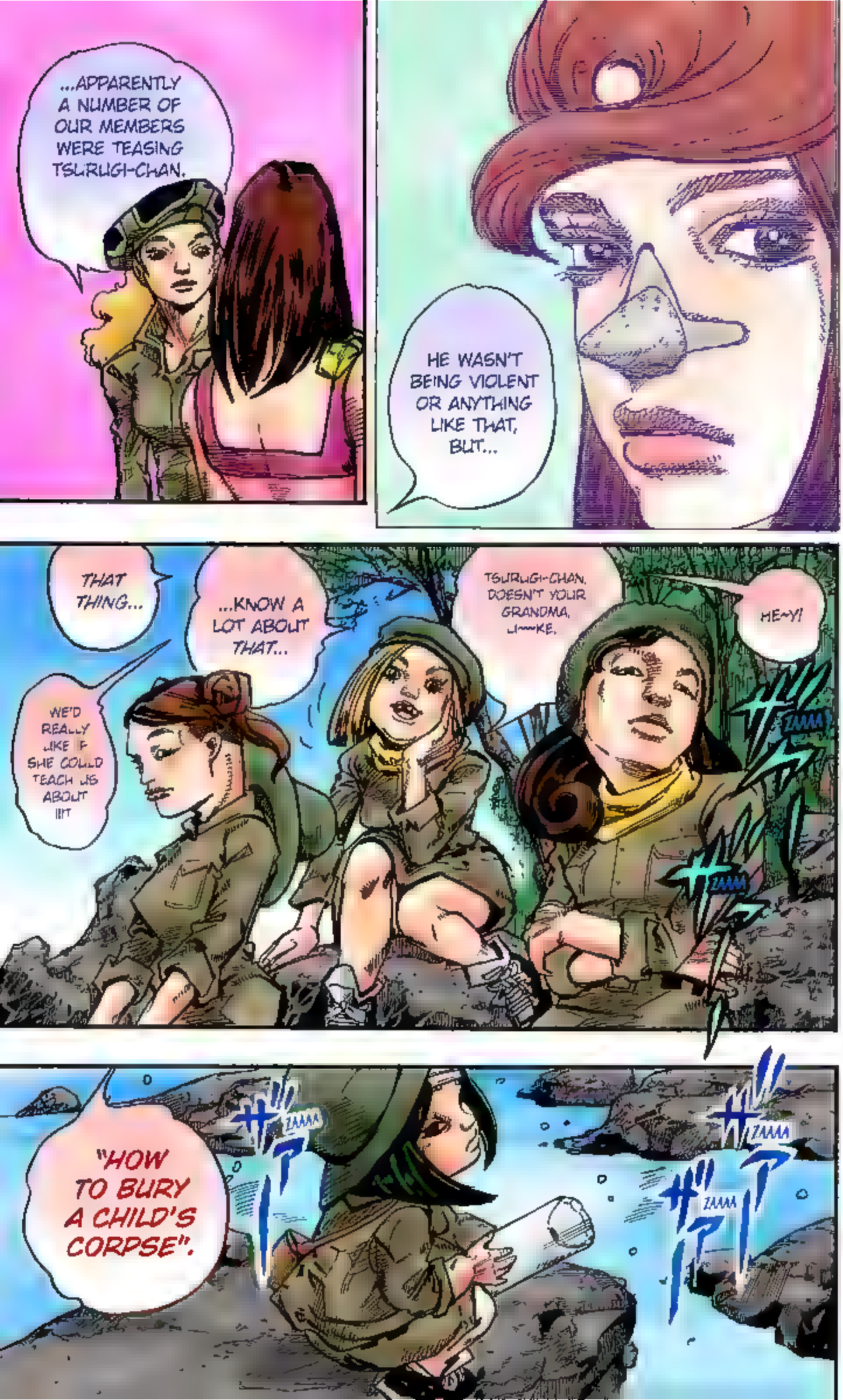
IF THIS S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, DON'T WORRY, EVERYTHING'S FIINE. .
HELLO, EVERYONE! ♡
THE FORMER MISS CHERRY IS TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF!

T.N. This mountain (Oroshi-yama) is a real name of a mountain in Kanagawa prefecture


SO.. WAS IT 'INTEREST-ING'?
...EVERYONE THINKS LIKE 'PARTICULARLY' IS IN ITS NAME WHEN THEY COME HERE.
WHEN YOU HEARD THE NAME 'MOUNT INTEREST-ING',
PARTICULARLY INTERESTING.



I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT..
IF YOU HAVE A BIT OF TIME
...
WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IS TSURUGI-CHAN.
THE FORMER MISS CHERRY IS IN THE PAST NOW
IF IT'S ABOUT MY NOSE. DON'T WORRY
THERE WAS SOME TROUBLE DURING TODAY'S OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.


...APPARENTLY A NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS WERE TEASING TSURUGI-CHAN.
HE WASN'T BEING VIOLENT OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT...
THAT THING...
...KNOW A LOT ABOUT THAT...
TSURUGI-CHAN, DOESN'T YOUR GRANDMA, LOOK E.
HE~Y!
WE'D REALLY LIKE IF SHE COULD TEACH US ABOUT IIIT
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"HOW TO BURY A CHILD'S CORPSE".
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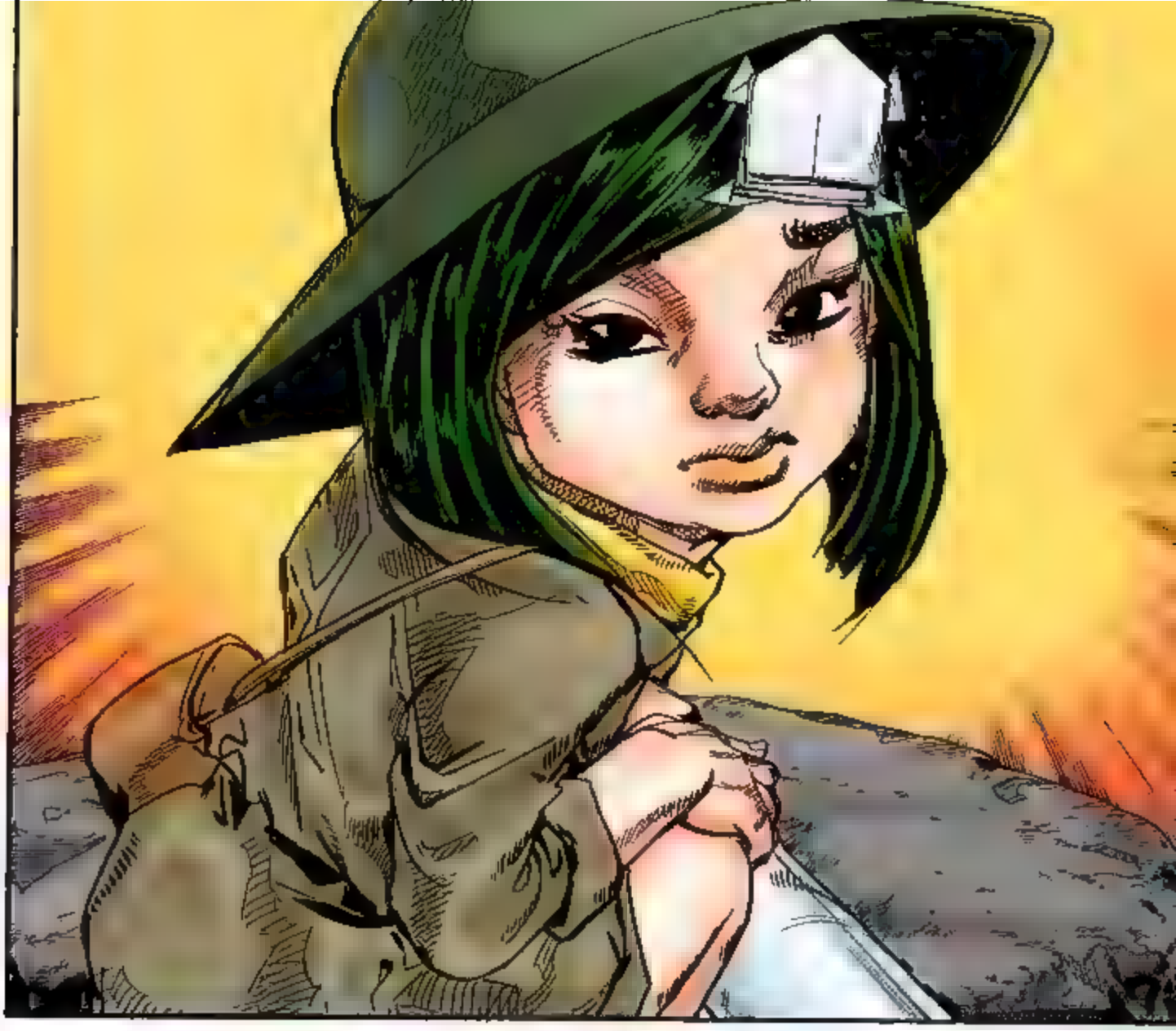
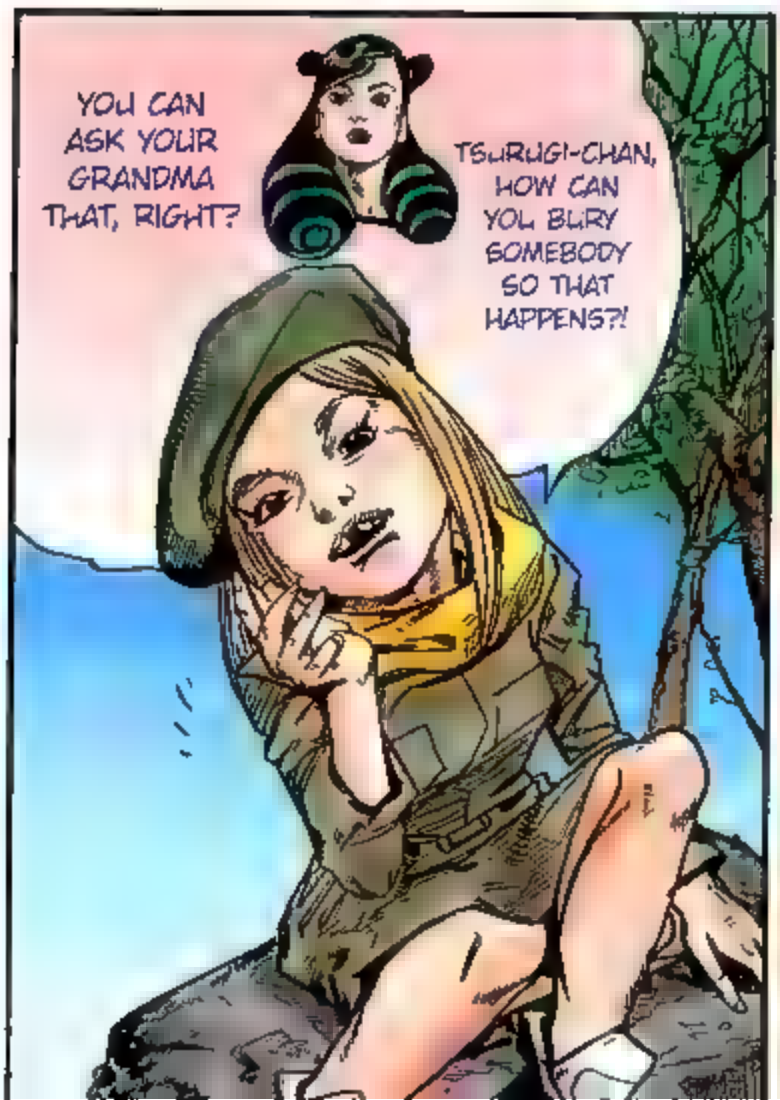
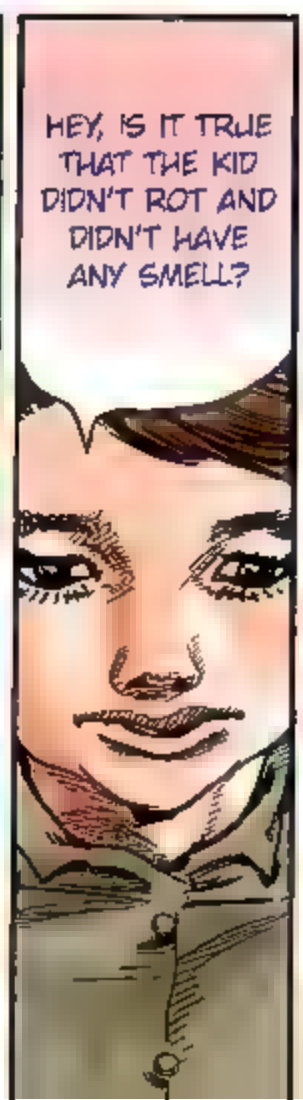
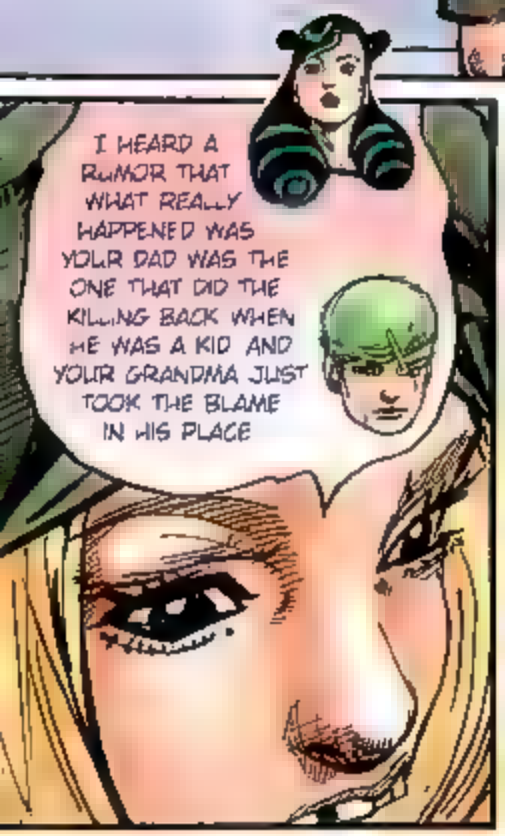



YOU CAN ASK YOUR GRANDMA THAT, RIGHT?
TSURUGI-CHAN, HOW CAN YOU BURY SOMEBODY SO THAT HAPPENS?!


HEY, IS IT TRUE THAT THE KID DIDN'T ROT AND DIDN'T HAVE ANY SMELL?

THEY NEVER FOUND THE KID SHE KILLED, DID THEY?


I HEARD A RUMOR THAT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WAS YOUR DAD WAS THE ONE THAT DID THE KILLING BACK WHEN ME WAS A KID AND YOUR GRANDMA JUST TOOK THE BLAME IN HIS PLACE

GO ON, GO CRAZY, DUMBASS!
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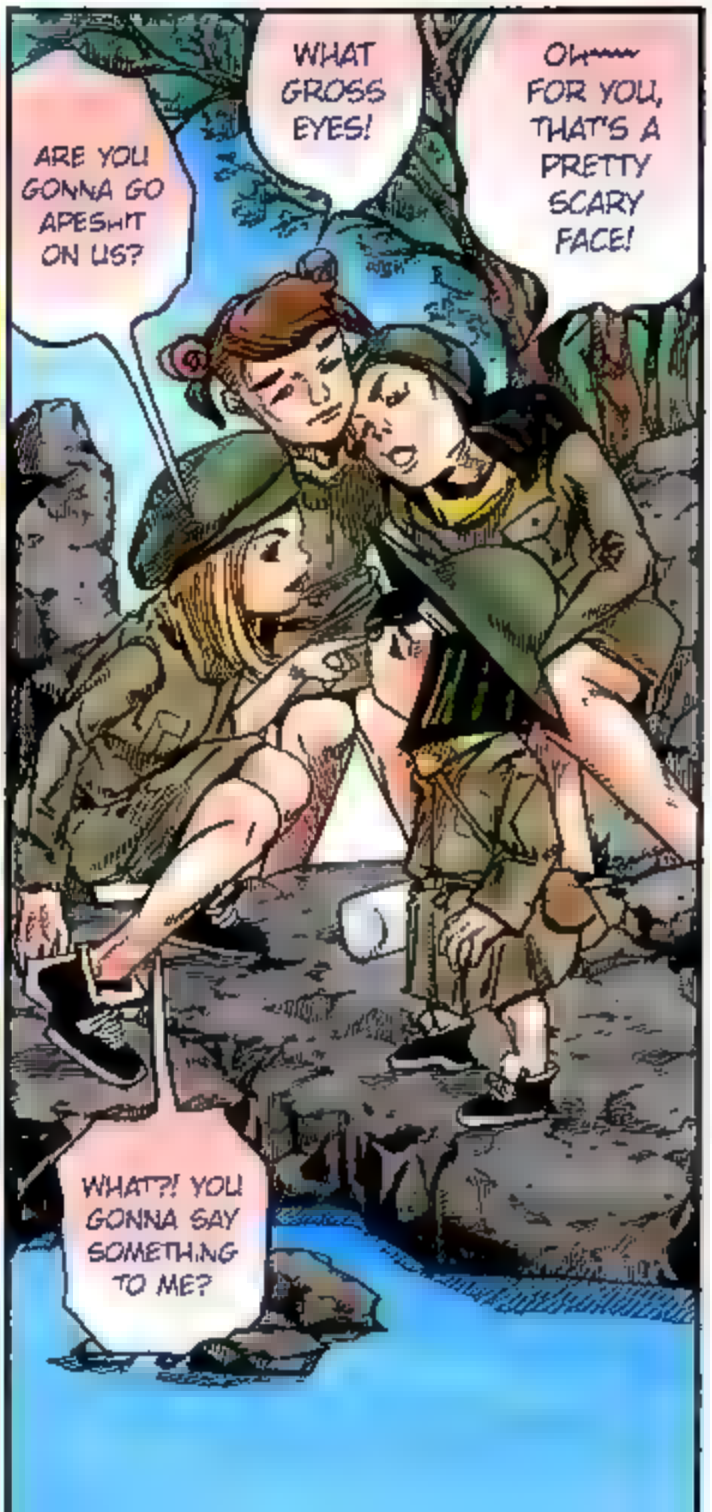
ARE YOU GONNA GO APESHIT ON US?
WHAT GROSS EYES!
OH FOR YOU, THAT'S A PRETTY SCARY FACE!
WHAT?! YOU GONNA SAY SOMETHING TO ME?

SPLAAASH
YOU OKAAAY? AHAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA!
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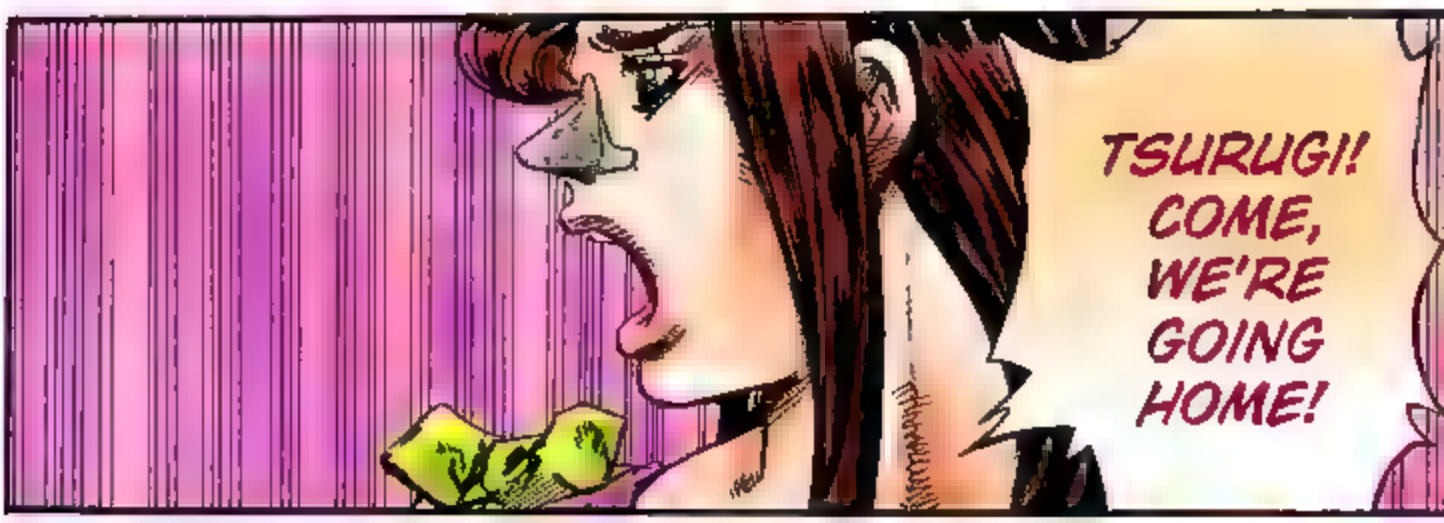
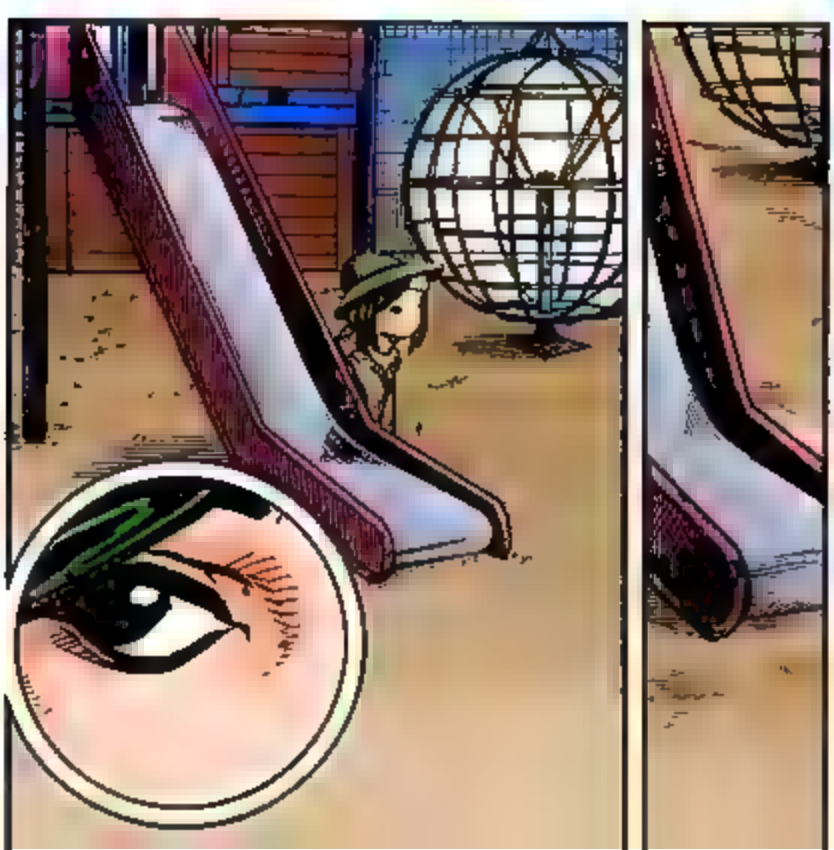
AHAHAH AHAHAHA M'NA-CHAN!!
KYAAA AAA
I HONESTLY HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST DEA.
JLST WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...?
MISS LEADER,
WHAT YOL JLST SAID. .

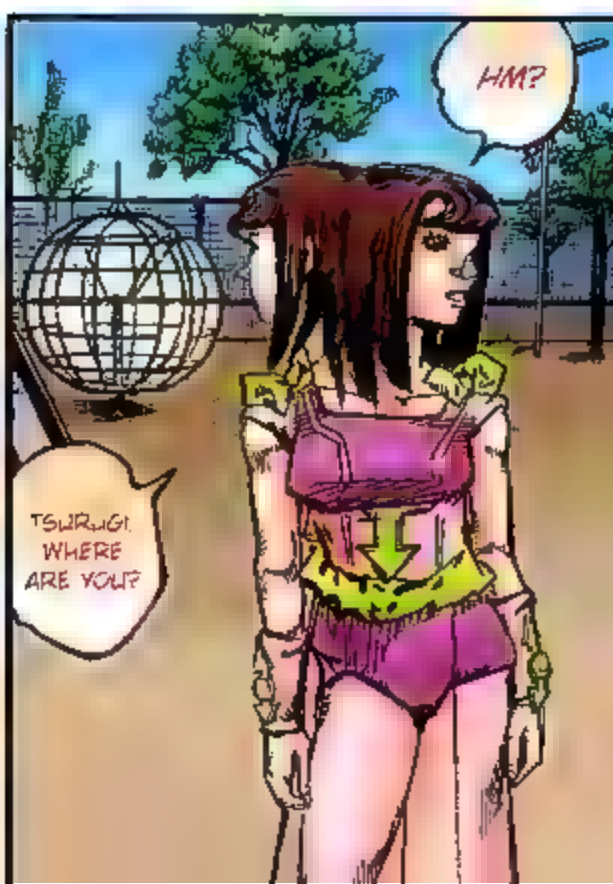
THAT'S RIGHT, MA'AM.
I'M JUST LETTING YOU KNOW THERE WAS AN INCIDENT LIKE THAT WHICH HAPPENED TODAY
YES...
...
MY 'TSURUGI' DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD IN THAT WHOLE STORY
AND HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, EITHER.
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME KIDS JUST MADE A RUCKUS AND THEN FELL IN A RIVER ON THEIR OWN.
NOTHING MORE

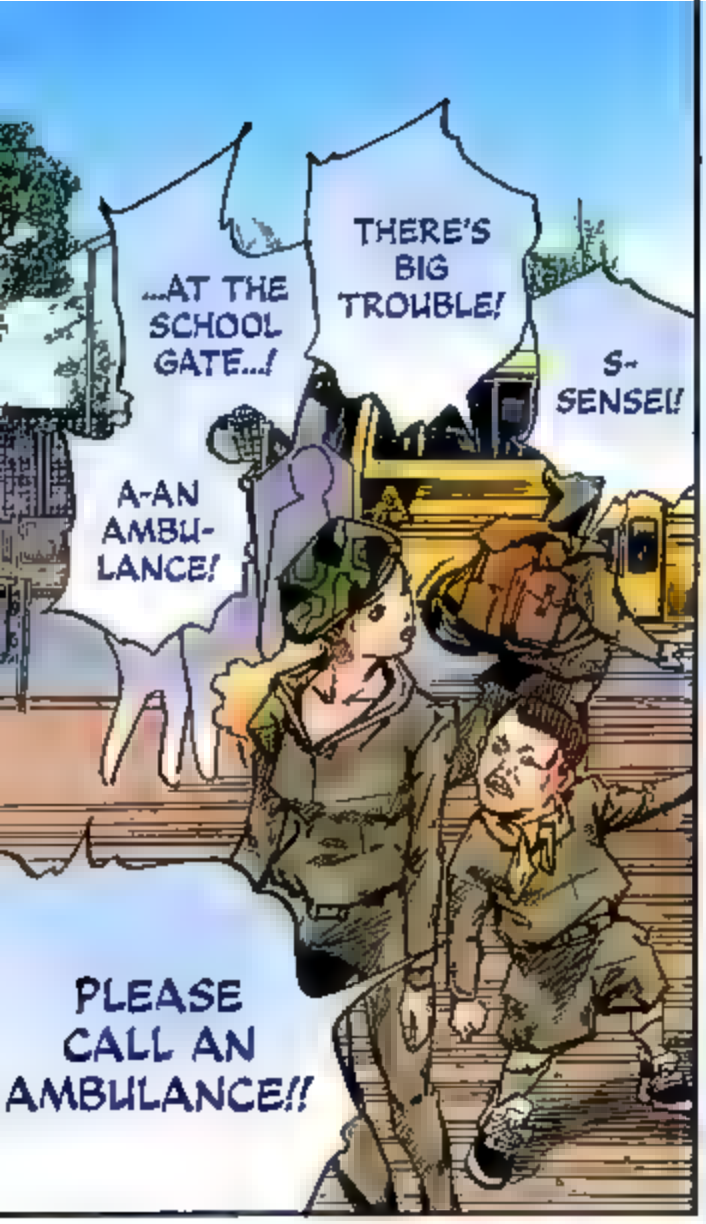
AND I WON'T TOLERATE YOU COMING TO ME ABOUT THIS SUBJECT AGAIN. UNDERSTAND...?
I WON'T TOLERATE IT
TSURUGI HAS NO GRANDMOTHER. WE'VE LONG SINCE CUT TIES. BEFORE ANY OF THAT CAME TO LIGHT, IN FACT.
...LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT MY 'HIGASHIKATA FAMILY' WAS NOT INVOLVED.
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE INCIDENT OF 'CHILD MURDER' THAT HAPPENED IN MORIOH SOME 20 YEARS AGO,

HUH...?
THAT THERE 'WAS TROUBLE' BETWEEN TSURUGI-CHAN AND THE OTHERS. I CANNOT OVERLOOK THAT.
I'M SIMPLY SPEAKING AS THE LEADER,
AND, LEADER?
I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU FIRED.
THE TROUBLE NO LONGER EXISTS.

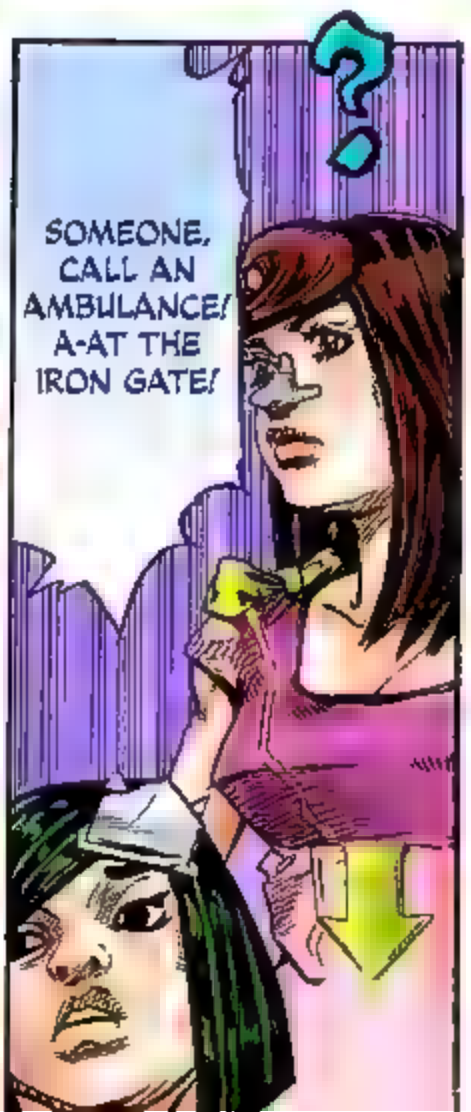

TSURUGI! COME, WE'RE GOING HOME!

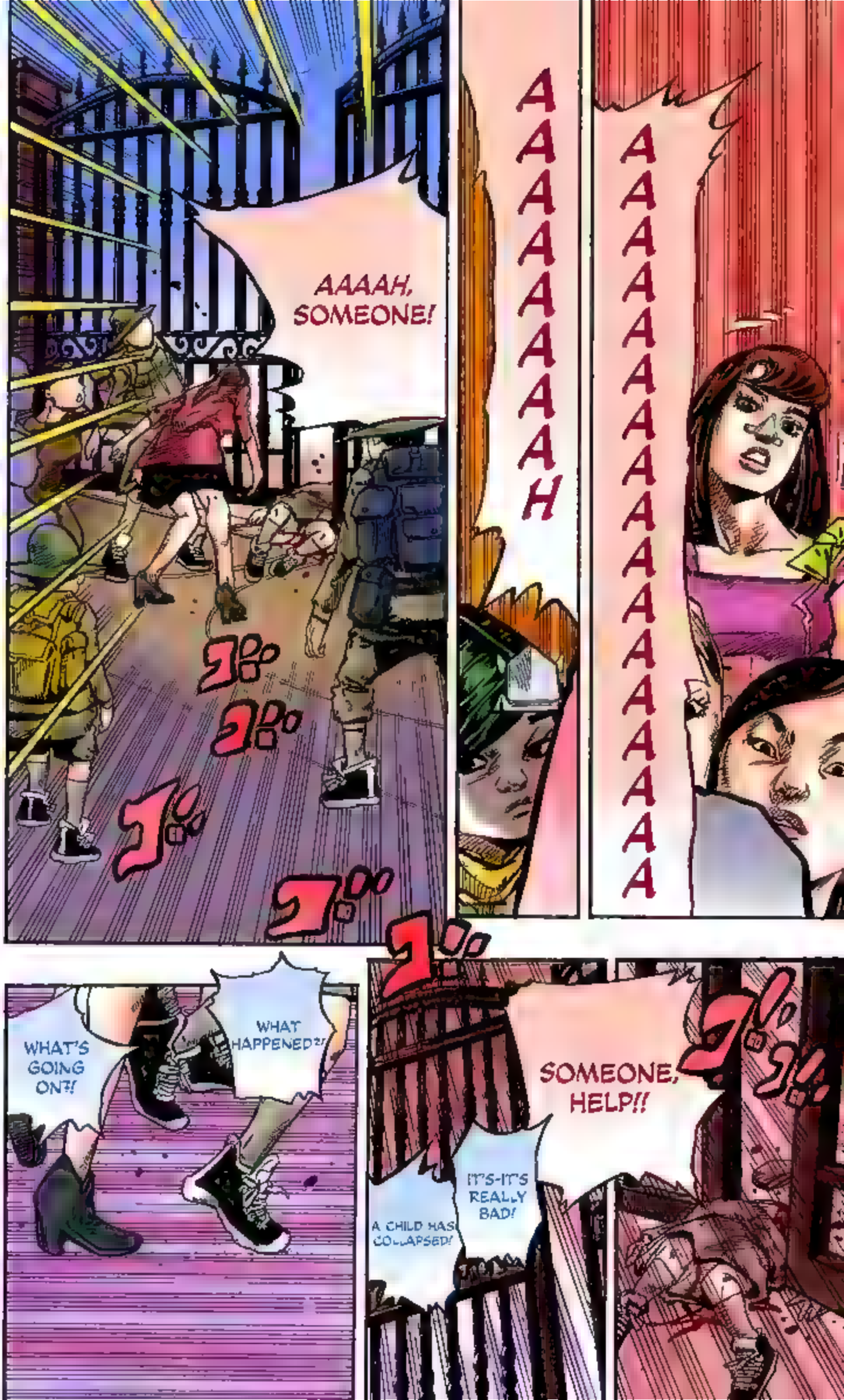



HM?
TSURUGI, WHERE ARE YOU?

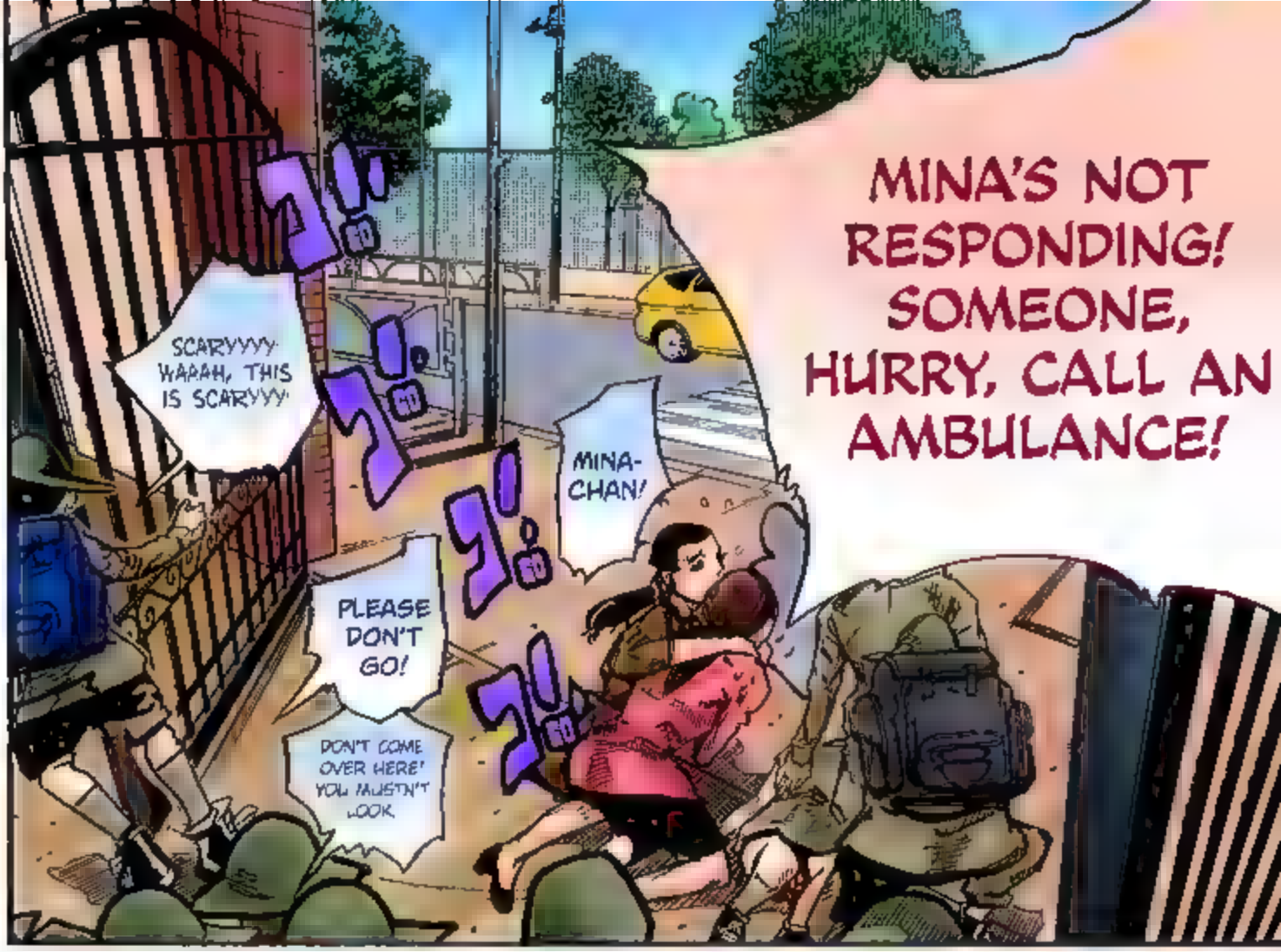


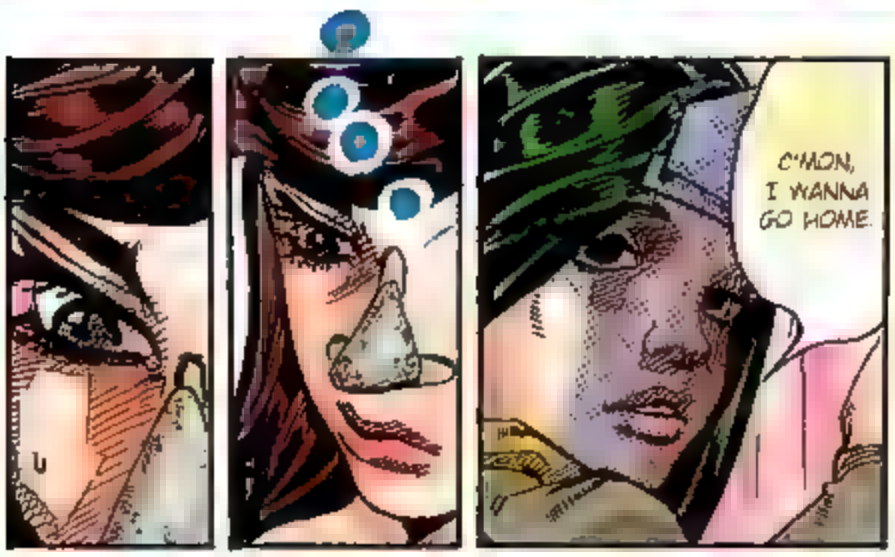
KYAA AAAAA AAAA AAAA AAAAA AAA

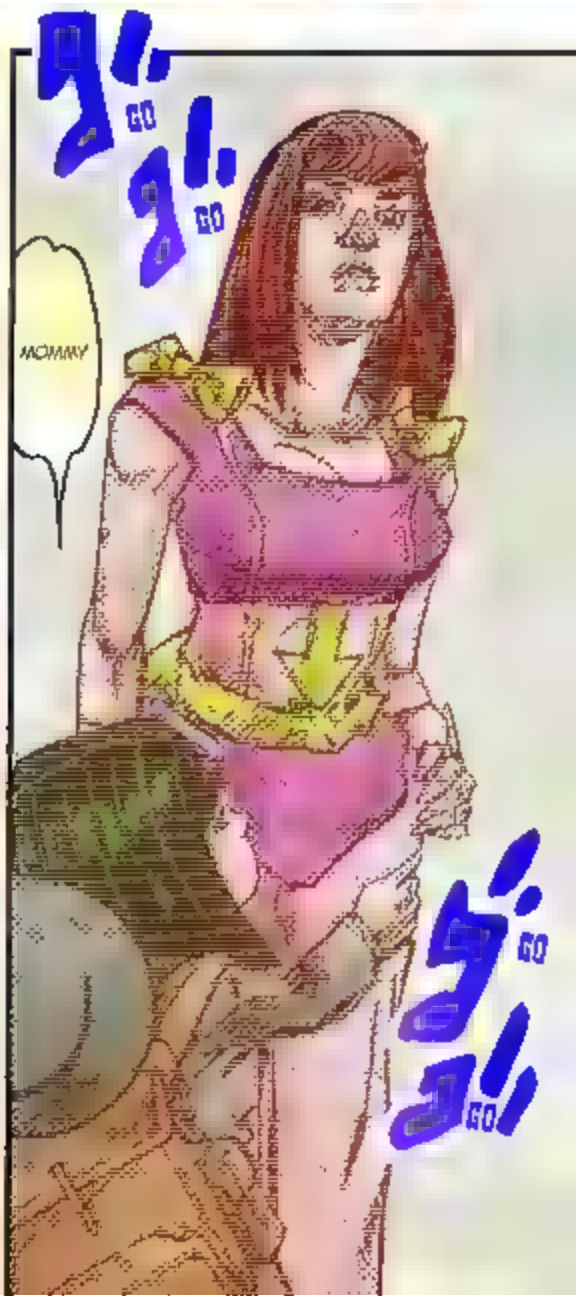


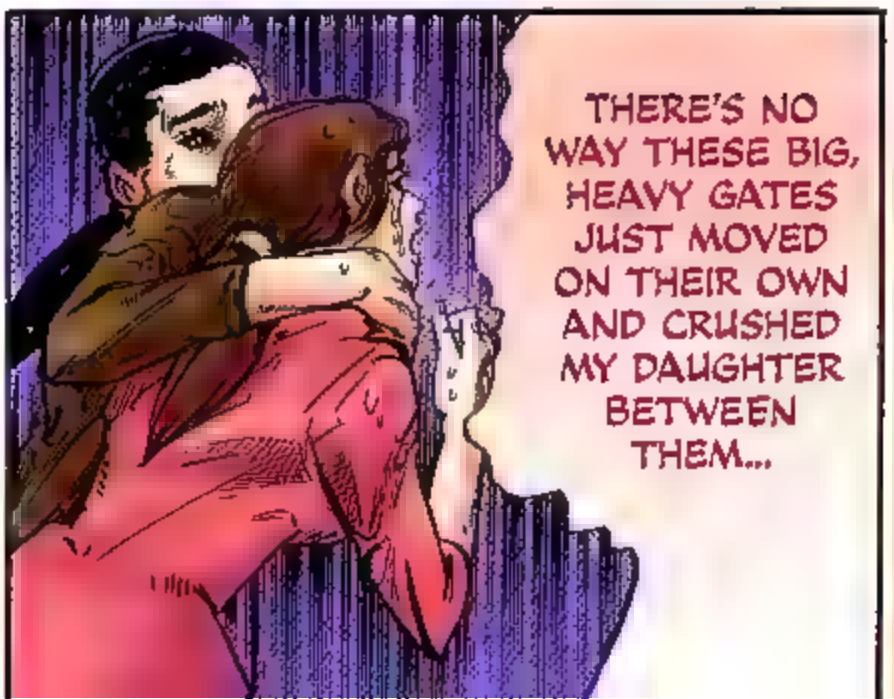

AAAAH, SOMEONE!
AAAAAAAAH
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
SOMEONE, HELP!!
IT'S-IT'S REALLY BAD!
A CHILD HAS COLLAPSED!

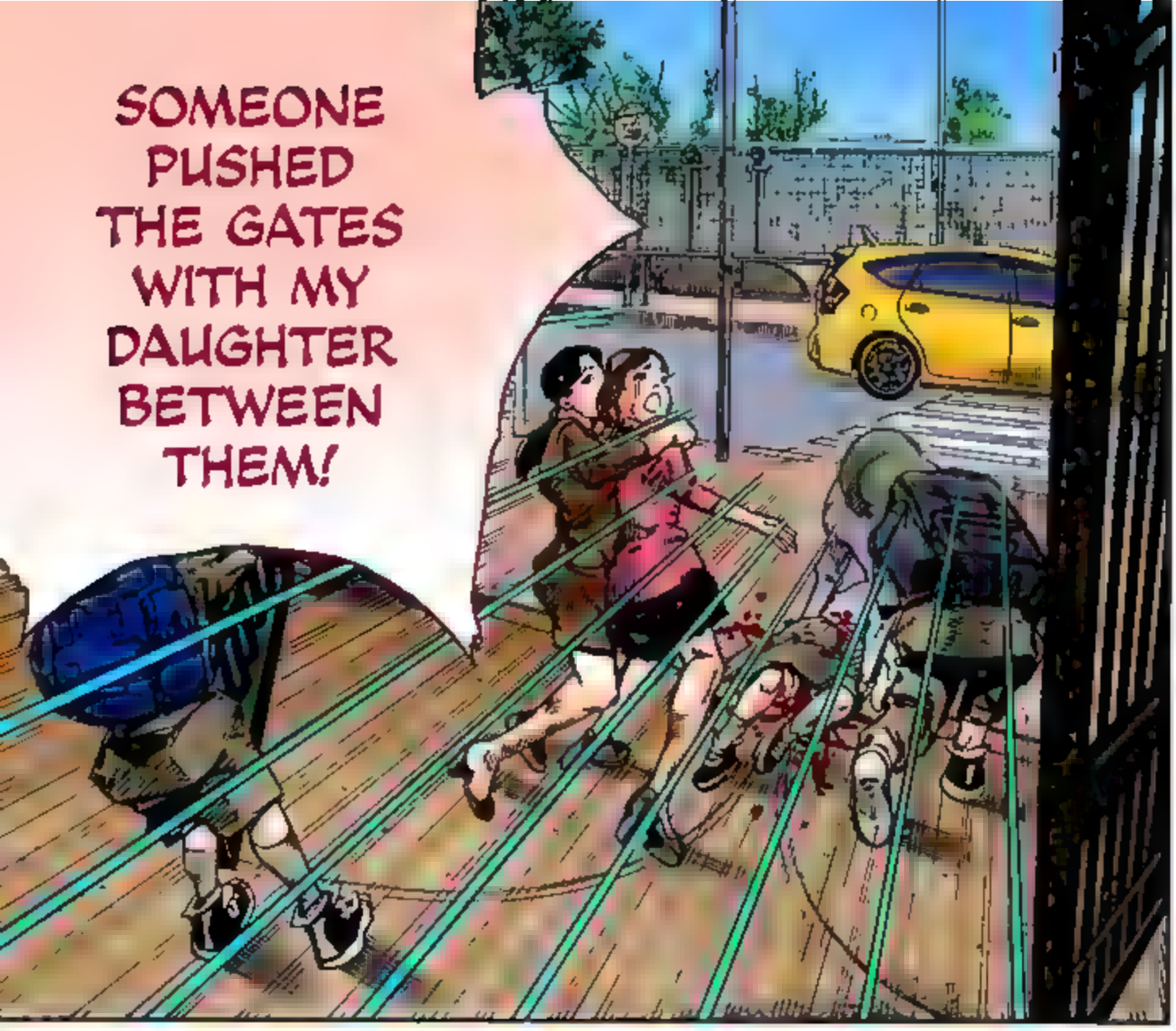
GO
WHAT HAPPENED?
MINA...
UAAA AAA AA
THAT'S MINA-CHAN...
UAAH!
HER UNDERWEAR IS STAINED RED!
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A BODY THAT GOT STUCK BETWEEN THE IRON RAILS OF THE SCHOOL GATE...!!

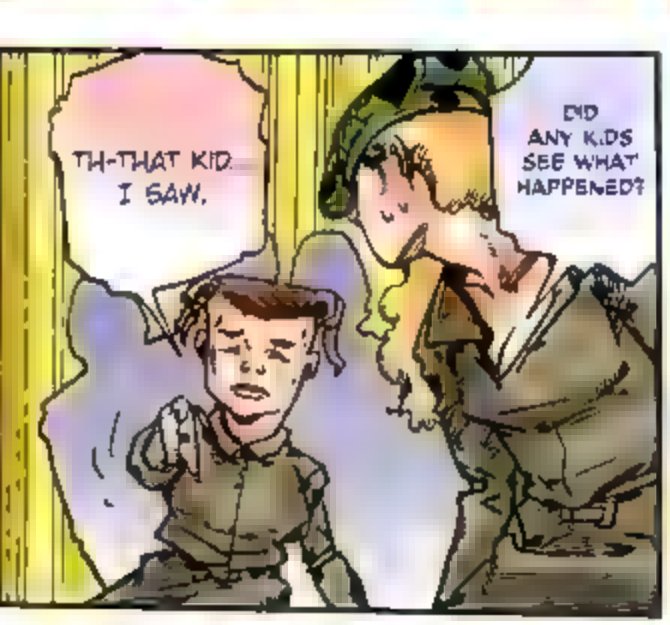

MINA'S NOT RESPONDING! SOMEONE, HURRY, CALL AN AMBULANCE!
SCARYYYY WAAAH, THIS IS SCARYYY!
MINA-CHAN!
PLEASE DON'T GO!
DON'T COME OVER HERE! YOU MUSTN'T LOOK.


C'MON, I WANNA GO HOME.


GO
GO
GO
MOMMY
GO
GO

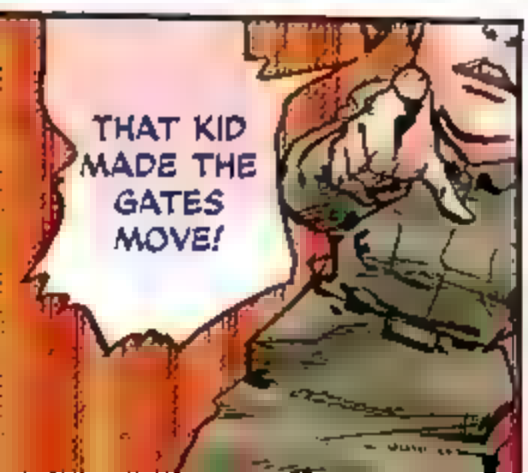

THERE'S NO WAY THESE BIG, HEAVY GATES JUST MOVED ON THEIR OWN AND CRUSHED MY DAUGHTER BETWEEN THEM...


SOMEONE PUSHED THE GATES WITH MY DAUGHTER BETWEEN THEM!


TH-THAT KID I SAW.
DID ANY KIDS SEE WHAT HAPPENED?

WH-WHAT IN THE WORLD?!

HUH?!
WHAT?
HUH?


THAT KID MADE THE GATES MOVE!

I... SAW.

WHAT ARE YOU...
TALK NG ABOUT ..?!
...
Time until the harvest of The New Locacaca fruit
7 Days, 0 Hours, 44 Minutes

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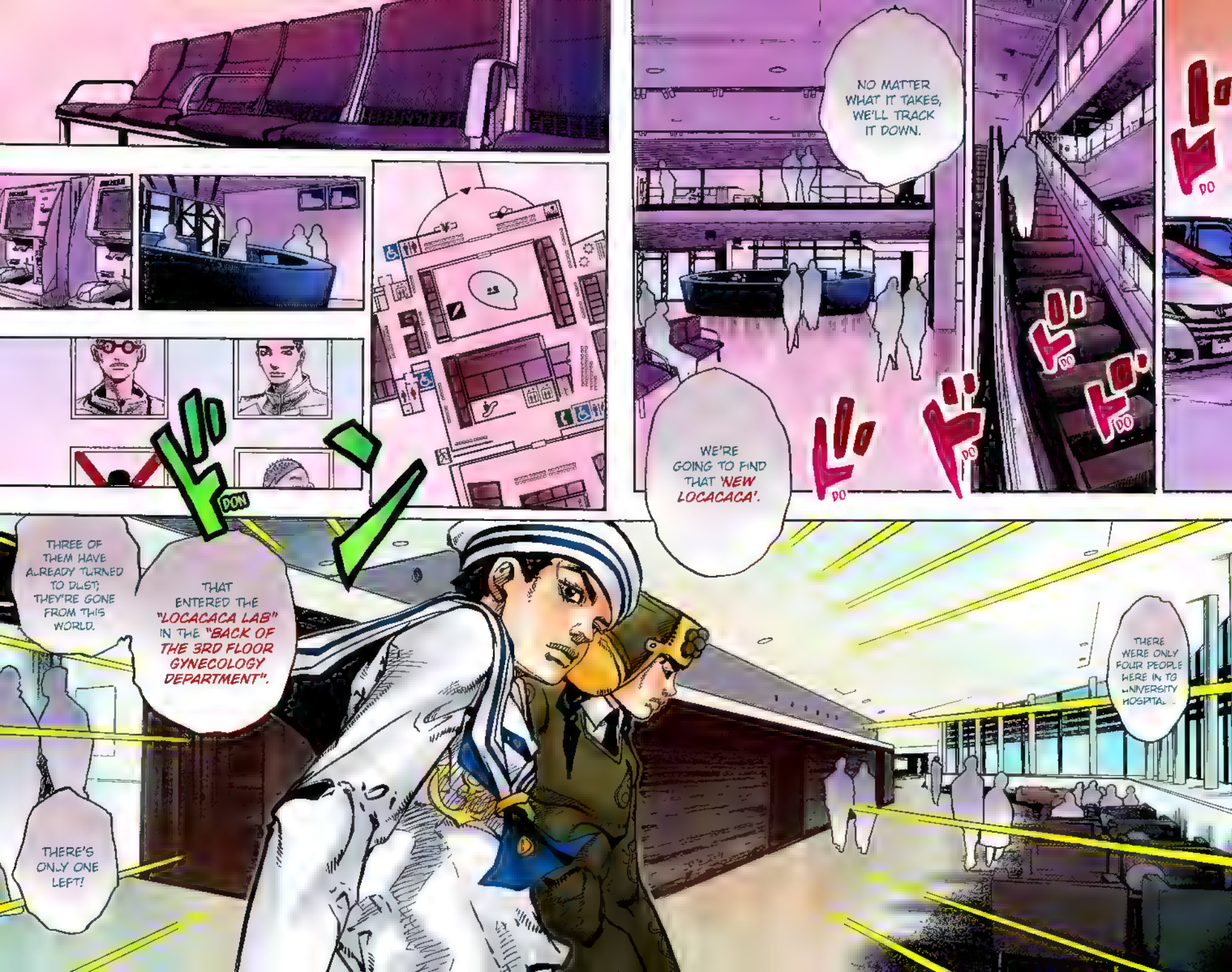
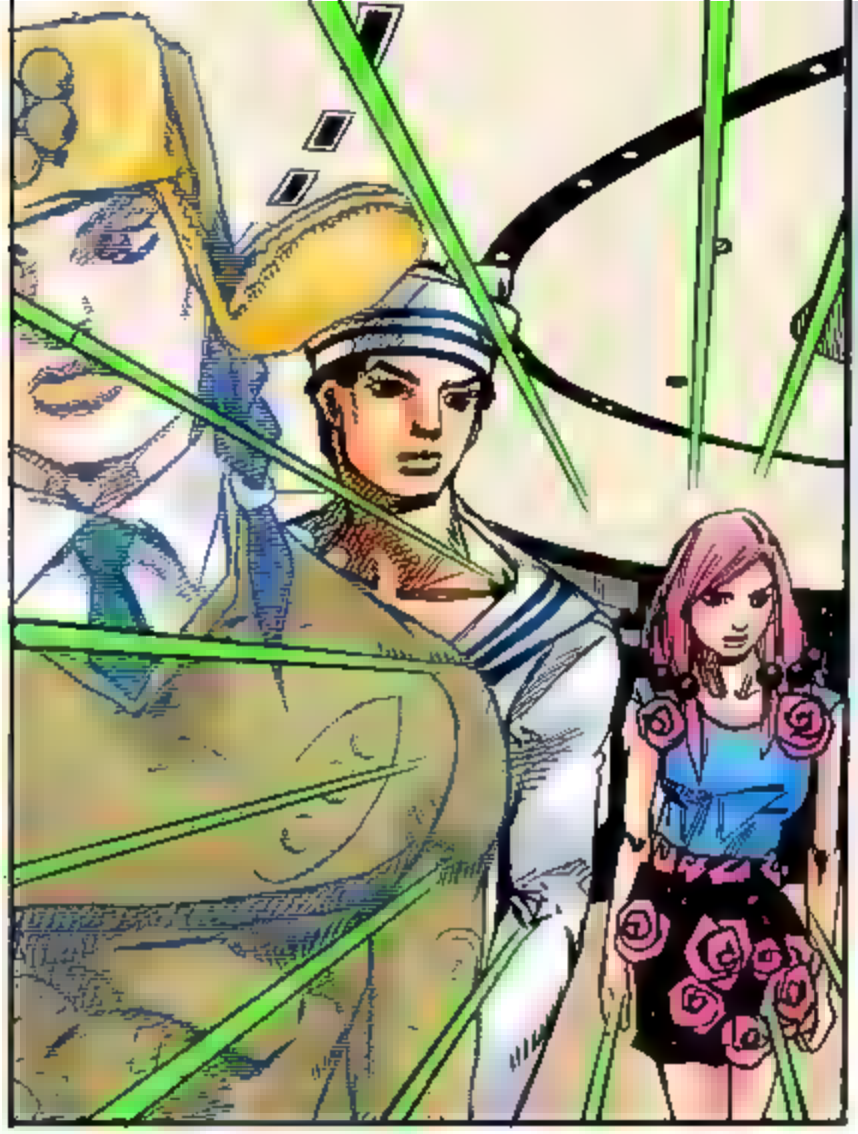
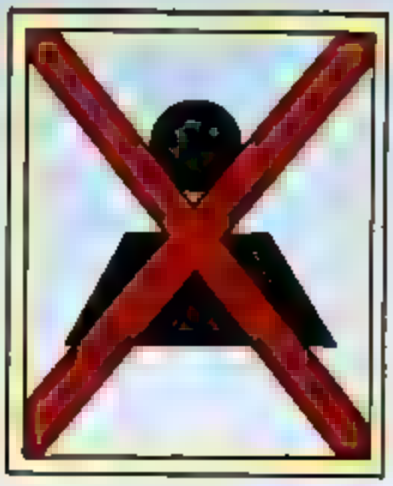
THE WONDER OF YOU (THE MIRACLE OF YOUR LOVE) PART 1

Time until the harvest of the New Locacaca fruit
6 Days, 4 hours, 12 minutes


NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES, WE'LL TRACK IT DOWN.
WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT 'NEW LOCACACA'.
DON
THAT ENTERED THE "LOCACACA LAB" IN THE "BACK OF THE 3RD FLOOR GYNECOLOGY DEPARTMENT".
THREE OF THEM HAVE ALREADY TURNED TO DUST; THEY'RE GONE FROM THIS WORLD.
THERE'S ONLY ONE LEFT!
THERE WERE ONLY FOUR PEOPLE HERE IN TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL...





Satoru Akifu(89)

AND THAT IS THIS HOSPITAL'S "HEAD DOCTOR".

I'LL LOOK FOR THAT 'HEAD DOCTOR' WITH YOU.

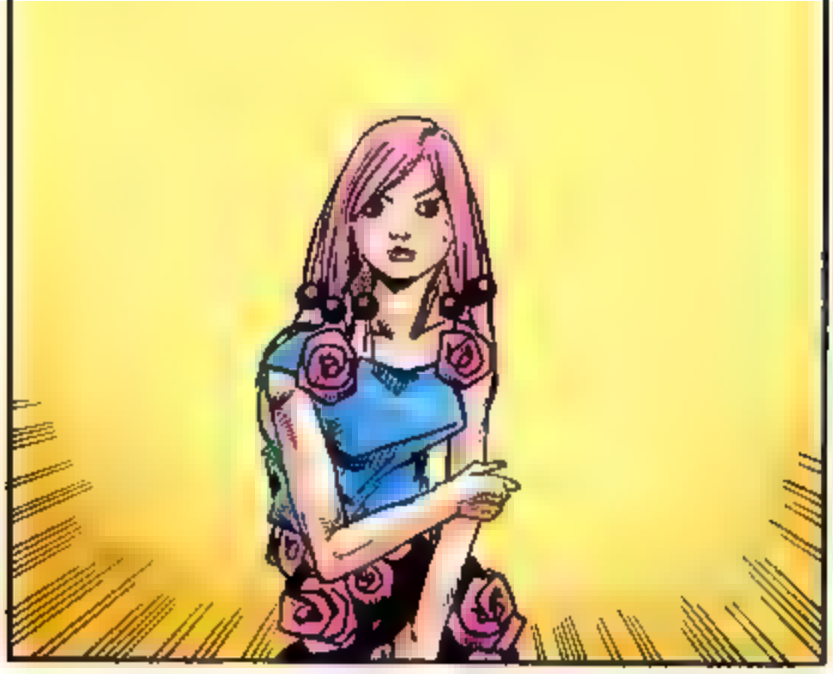
I'LL DO IT... HE'S IN THIS 'HOSPITAL' SOMEWHERE...

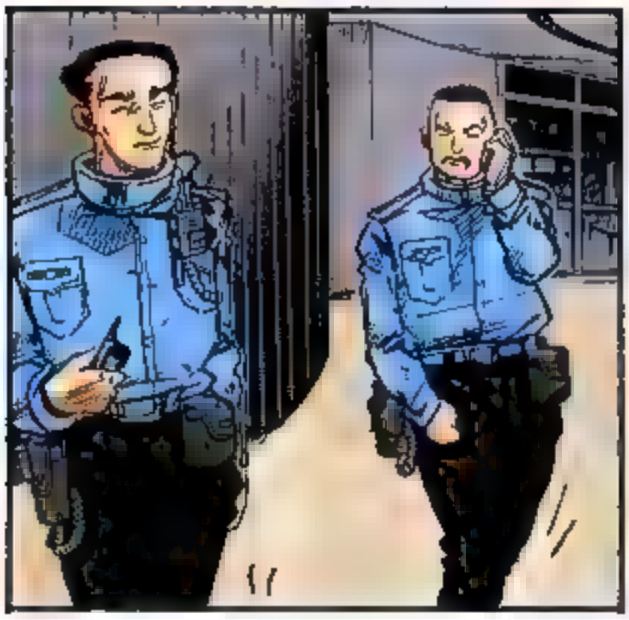
BUT...

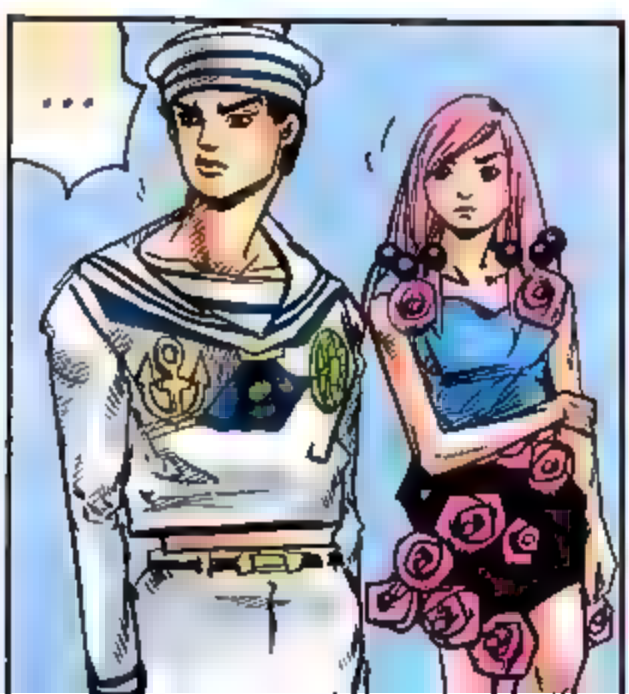
YASUHO-CHAN...

...IT'S OKAY, I'M FINE.

I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT HOW...
I THINK THE NEW JOCACACA 'BRANCH' IS 'AT' THE HIGASHIKATA ESTATE
EXCUSE ME, BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PRIOR APPOINTMENT, I'M AFRAID I CANNOT LET YOU MEET WITH THIS HOSPITAL'S HEAD DOCTOR.
HMM, LET ME SEE~~~
I'M AFRAID THE HEAD DOCTOR IS BOOKED FU... FOR TODAY~~~ DOES NEXT WEDNESDAY WORK FOR YOU?
WHAT?
SO YOU'RE SAYING
DOWN THIS WAY?
. IN ONE OF THESE ROOMS?
THE HEAD DOCTOR IS HERE? RIGHT NOW...? DON'T TELL ME HE'S...



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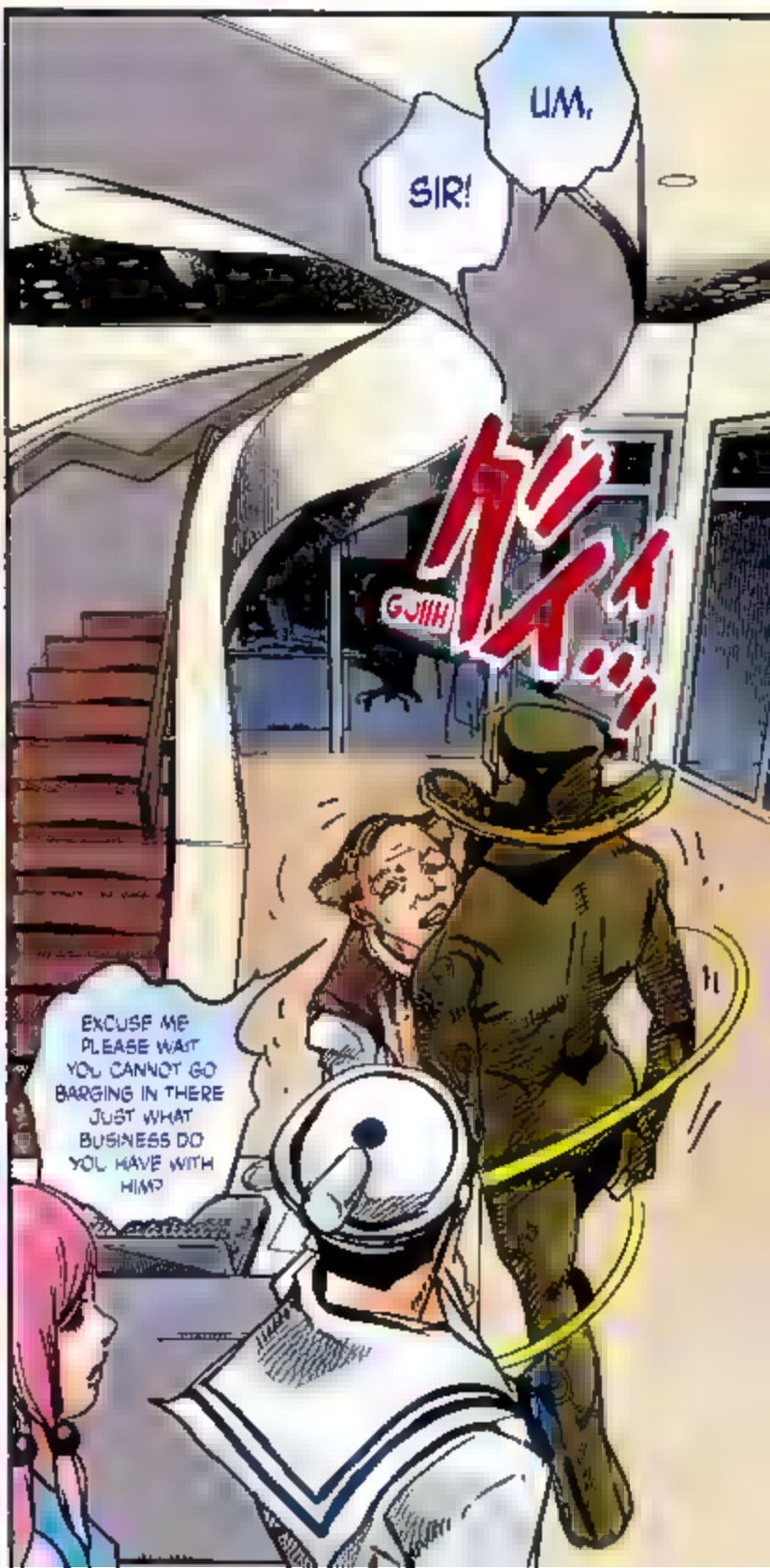

UM.
SIR!
GUHH
EXCUSE ME PLEASE WAIT YOU CANNOT GO BARGING IN THERE JUST WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH HIM?

SO I REALLY MUST HAVE THE HEAD DOCTOR EXAMINE ME.
WELL YOU SEE IT'S MY LEFT HAND.
TAKE A LOOK
SO I THOUGHT MAYBE HE COULD GROW MY FINGERS BACK
I'VE LOST FOUR FINGERS, I'M AFRAID
P-PLEASE WAIT! YOU'RE WELCOME TO GO TO THE RECEPTION OF OUR OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT!
GIKURI
THE HONORARY POSITION.. THE HEAD DOCTOR IS NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY ACTUAL MEDICAL PRACTICE
I SEE
I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HEAD DOCTOR, IF JUST FOR A MOMENT
THAT'S TRUE, BUT.
...YES..
HEY TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WEBSITE, WOULD YOU?
ON THE HOSPITAL'S WEBSITE IT LISTS A LONG, IMPRESSIVE CAREER HISTORY HE'S EVEN RECEIVED MEDICAL AWARDS
WELL. WHAT ABOUT THIS ? THE HEAD DOCTOR'S NAME IS "SATORU AKEFU"
THIS PART ABOUT HIM BEING 89 YEARS OLD. IS THAT CORRECT?

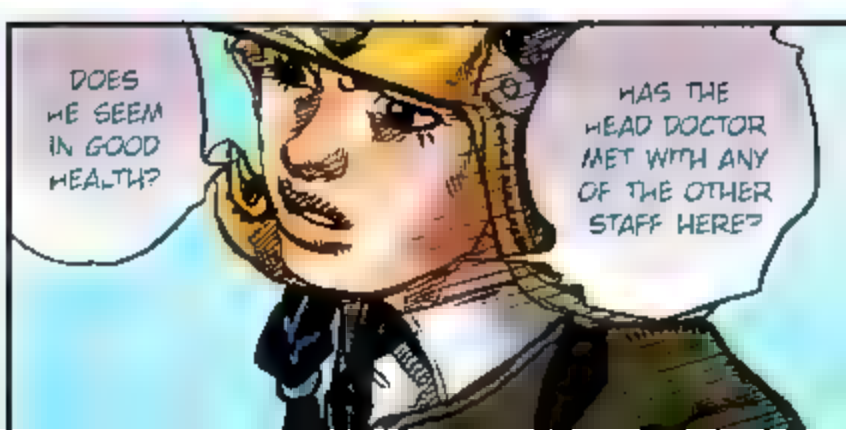
NOT ANYWHERE.
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE IMAGE OF THE HEAD DOCTOR ON THE SITE.

HAVE YOU MET WITH THE 'HEAD DOCTOR' TODAY?

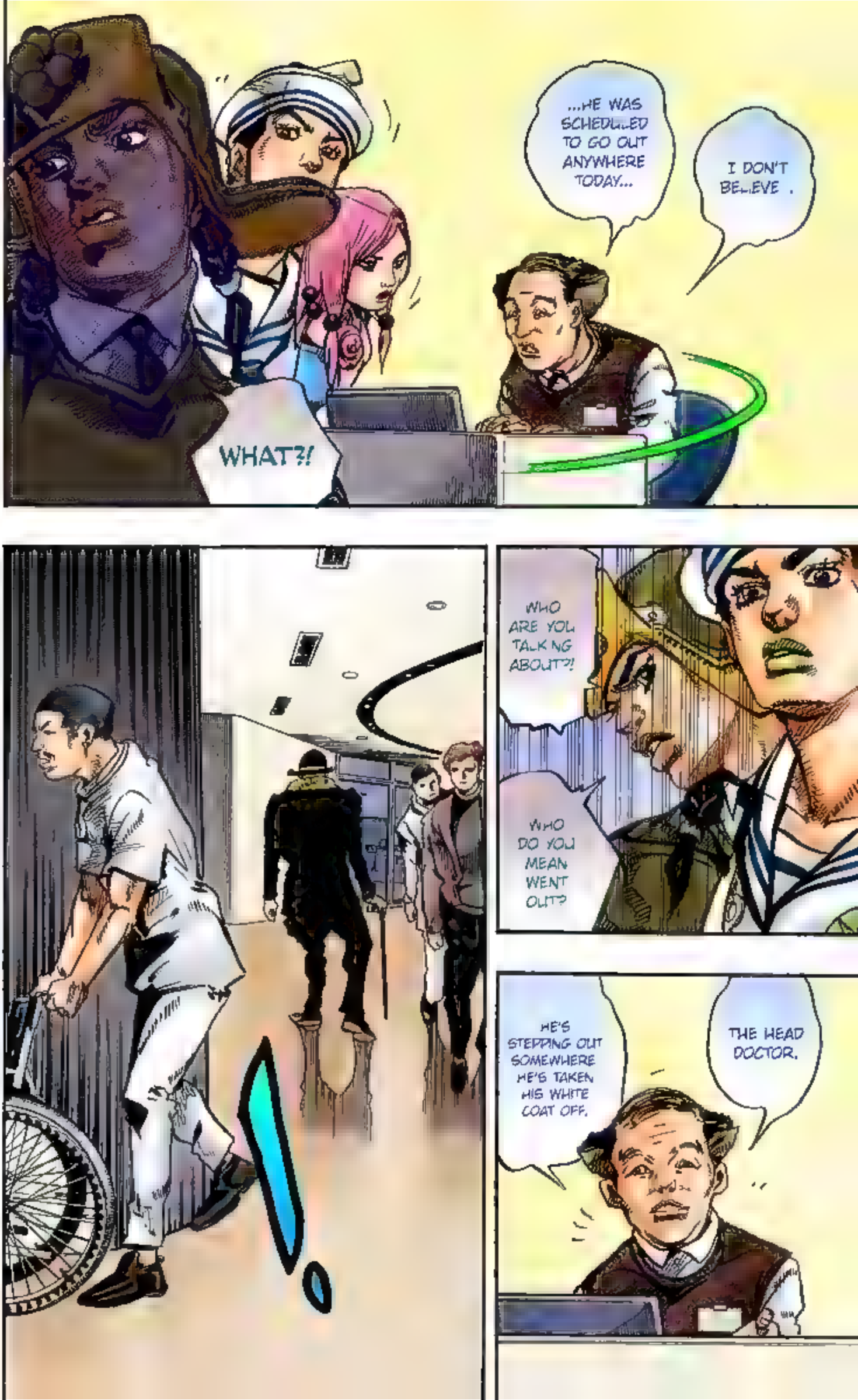
OF COURSE HE'S HERE WORKING

YOU CAN LOOK ALL OVER THIS SITE AND YOU'LL NEVER FIND A PHOTO OF THE HEAD DOCTOR'S FACE.
LOOK.
WE'VE BEEN TRYING REALLY HARD TO FIND HIM.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE
WHY IS THAT?

WHAT AN ODD LINE OF QUESTIONING WHO ARE YOU EXACTLY?

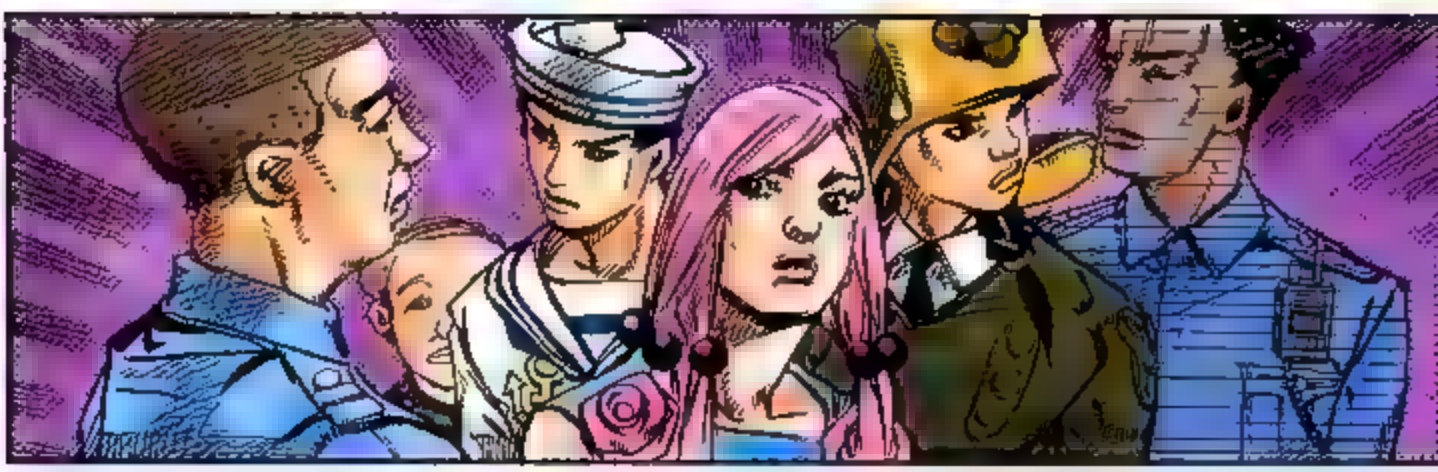

DOES HE SEEM IN GOOD HEALTH?
HAS THE HEAD DOCTOR MET WITH ANY OF THE OTHER STAFF HERE?

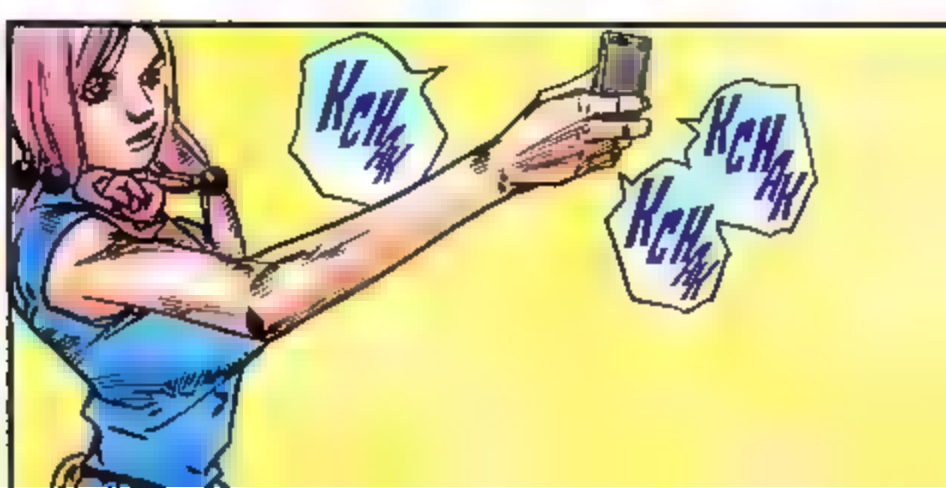
NOT A SINGLE ONE!
NO!
AND I BELIEVE THERE IS A PHOTO OF HIS FACE ON THE SITE.
SOMEWHERE
HUH?
?!
THE HEAD DOCTOR.


WHAT?!
...HE WAS SCHEDULED TO GO OUT ANYWHERE TODAY...
I DON'T BELIEVE .
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHO DO YOU MEAN WENT OUT?
HE'S STEPPING OUT SOMEWHERE HE'S TAKEN HIS WHITE COAT OFF.
THE HEAD DOCTOR.

THE HEAD DOCTOR.
!!
THAT ELDERLY MAN THAT JUST PASSED US?
THAT'S "SATORU AKEFU".
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
HEY, WAIT!!

HEAD DOCTOR! WAIT!!
HE'S AT QUITE AN ADVANCED AGE.
HE'S QUITE HARD OF HEARING... AND PLEASE DON'T YELL IN HERE!

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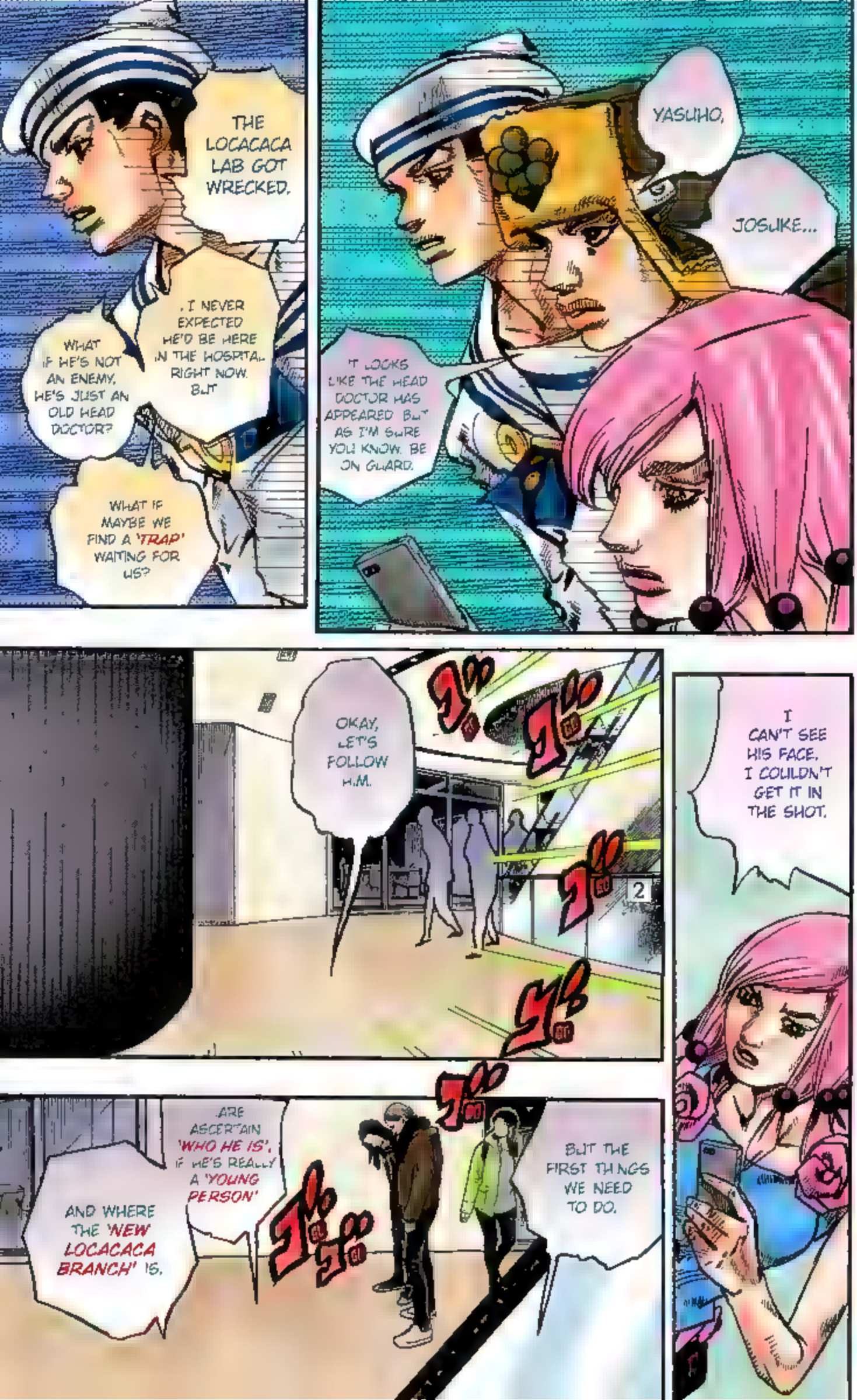
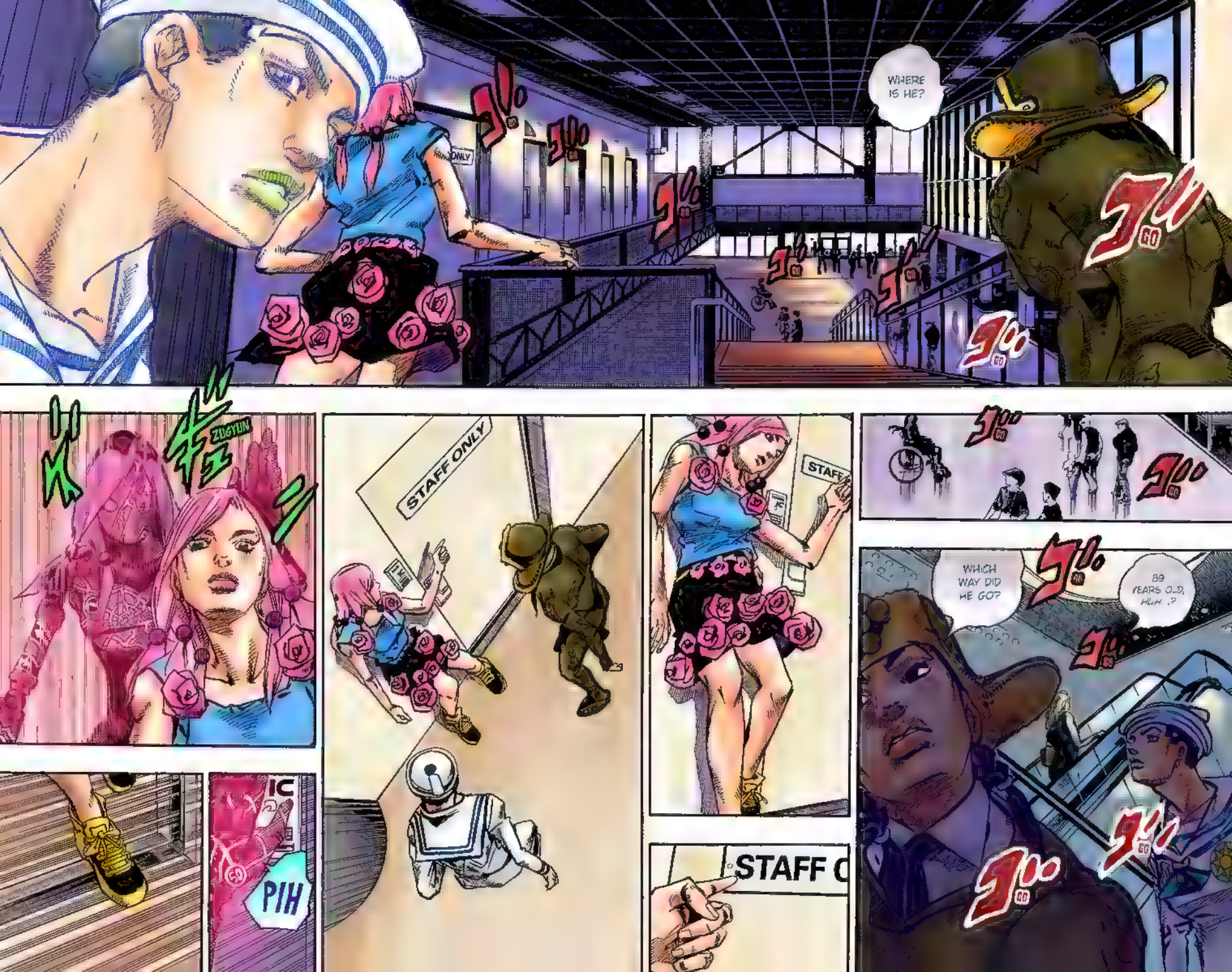

THE LOCACACA LAB GOT WRECKED.
I NEVER EXPECTED HE'D BE HERE IN THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW. BUT
WHAT IF HE'S NOT AN ENEMY, HE'S JUST AN OLD HEAD DOCTOR?
WHAT IF MAYBE WE FIND A 'TRAP' WAITING FOR US?
YASUHO,
JOSUKE...
IT LOOKS LIKE THE HEAD DOCTOR HAS APPEARED BUT AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW. BE ON GUARD.
OKAY, LET'S FOLLOW H.M.
2
I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE. I COULDN'T GET IT IN THE SHOT.
ARE ASCERTAIN 'WHO HE IS', IF HE'S REALLY A 'YOUNG PERSON'
AND WHERE THE 'NEW LOCACACA BRANCH' IS.
BUT THE FIRST THINGS WE NEED TO DO.


WHERE IS HE?
ONLY
GO
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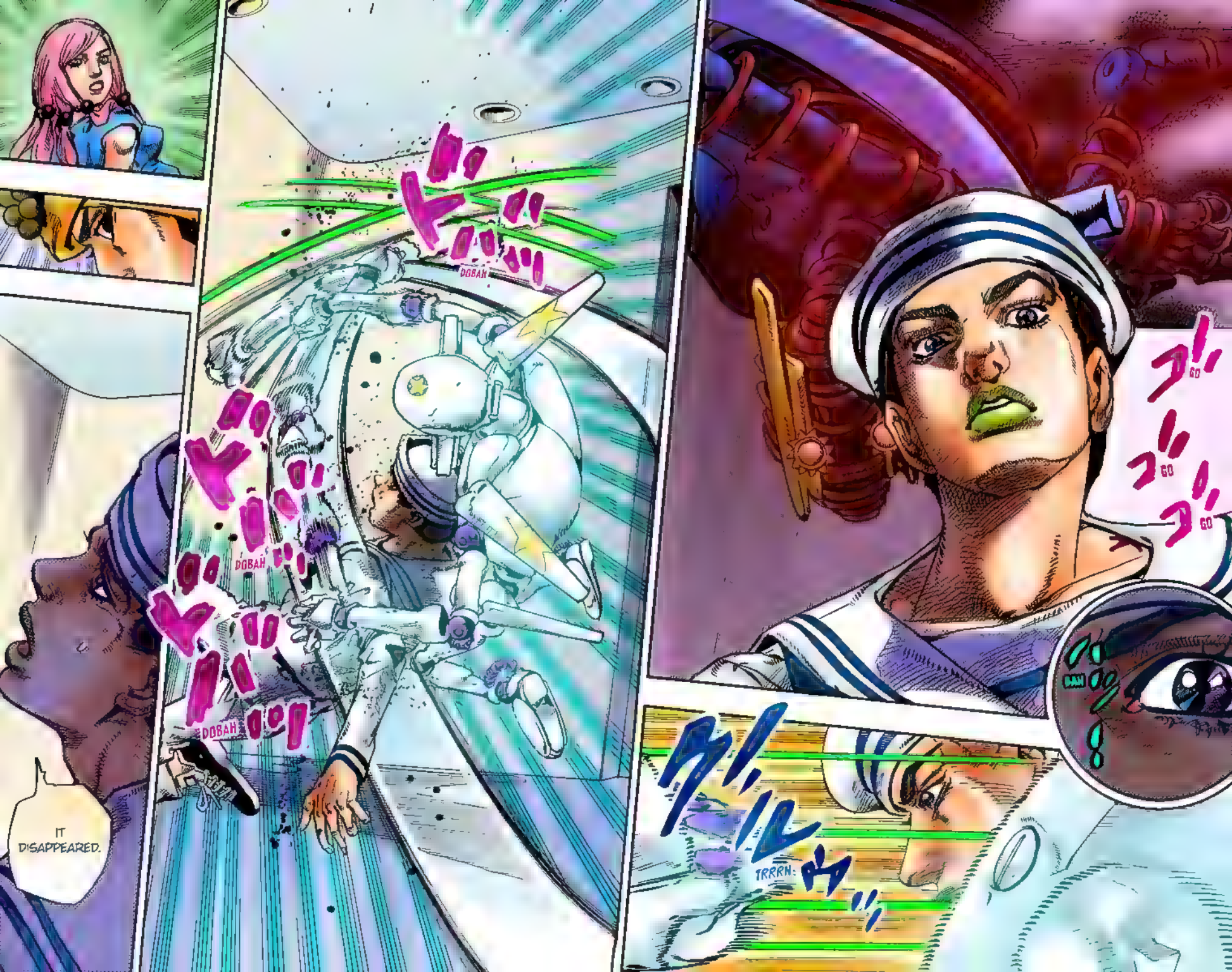
PIH
WHICH WAY DID HE GO?
89 YEARS O.D, HUH..?

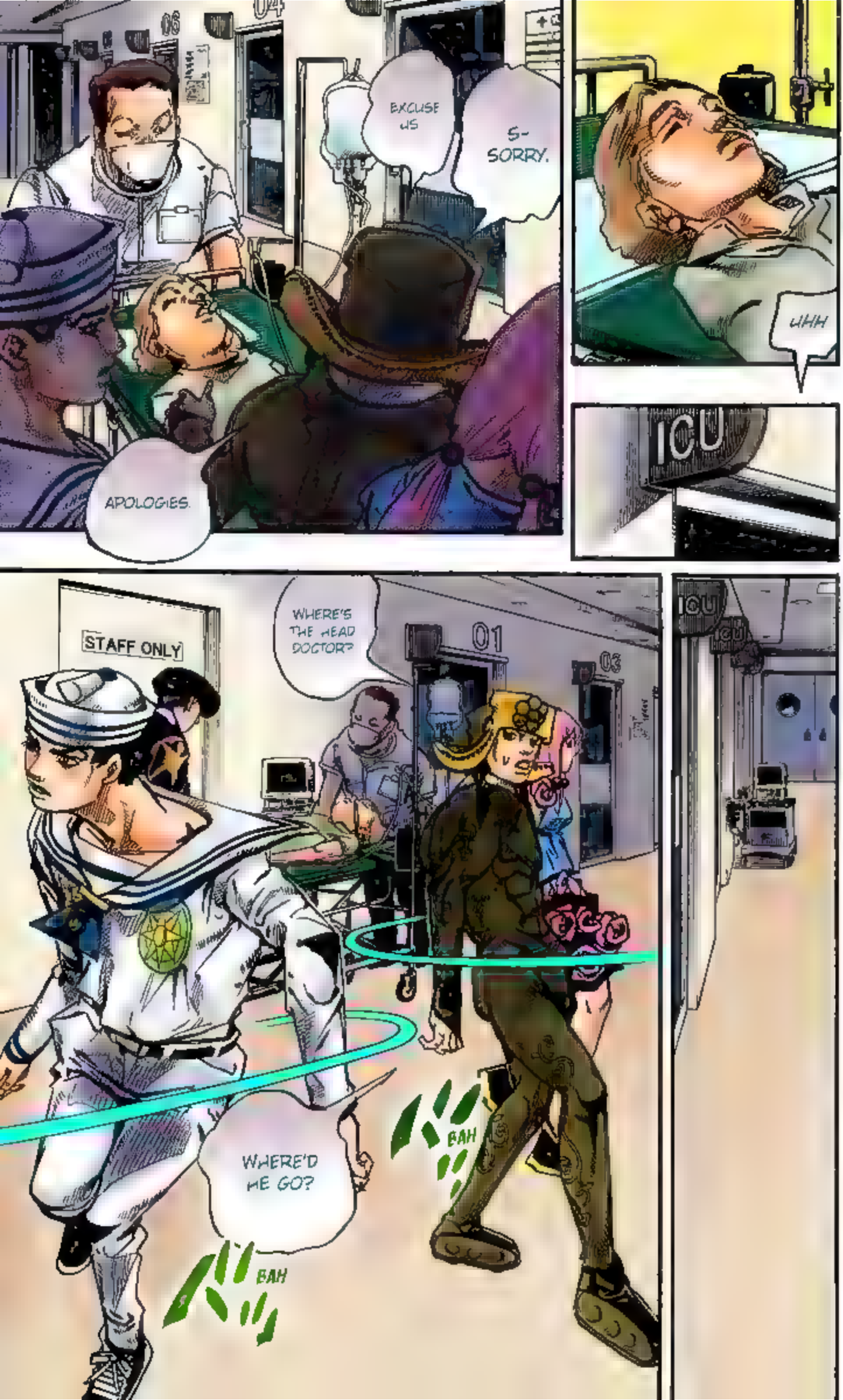
YEAH, 89 YEARS OLD


IT DISAPPEARED.
DOBAH
DOBAH
DOBAH
GO
GO
GO
DAH
TRRRN:

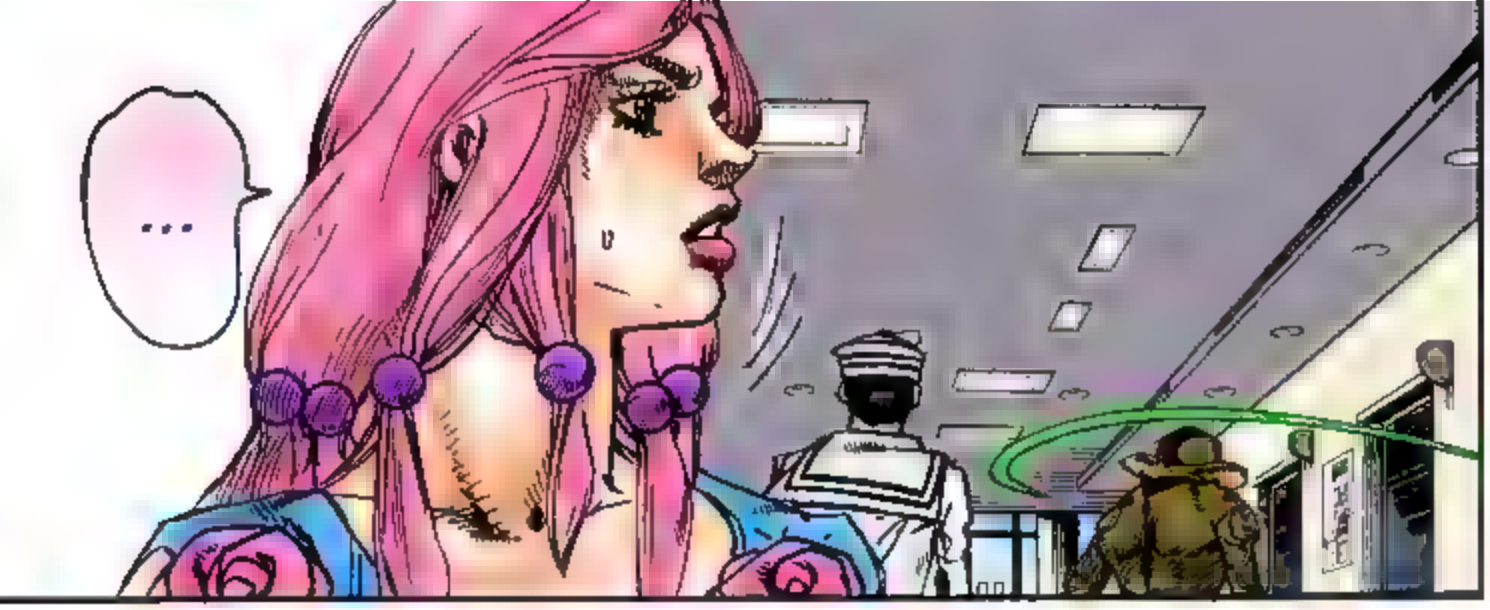
BAH
JUST NOW THERE WAS DEFINITELY 'SOMETHING' BEHIND ME IN THE CORNER OF THE CEILING.
THAT WAS
...A STAND ATTACK.
AND WHEN I TURNED AROUND, IT DISAPPEARED.
BUT IT DID MANAGE TO GET BEHIND US.
IT HASN'T DONE ANY.. ACTUAL DAMAGE SO FAR.
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING.
...NO.
DID YOU SEE IT YASUHO?
AND IT TRIED TO PERFORM SOME KIND OF 'ATTACK'
IT DID... 'SOMETHING'!

WHO IS THIS GUY?!
BAM!!
DA
DA
DA
DA
STOP WHERE YOU ARE, SATORU AKEFU!
HUH?
HUH??

HE DEFINITELY HEARD YOU.
AND NOW HE'S RUNNING AWAY.
I KNOW I SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD BUT '89 YEARS OLD?'
DA
WBBL
GASHAAAN


06
04
EXCUSE US
S-SORRY.
APOLOGIES.
UHH
ICU
STAFF ONLY
WHERE'S THE HEAD DOCTOR?
01
03
BAH
WHERE'D HE GO?
BAH
ICU
ICU

HUH...? TOORU-KUN?
06
04
GEEZ, SERIOUSLY, THIS GUY IS 89?
WE LOST HIM...
IT'S ODD.
BAH
THIS WAY, YASUHO-CHAN! WOULD YOU MIND COMING HERE A MINUTE?
YOU CAME AT A GOOD TIME!
HM?!
YASUHO-CHAN...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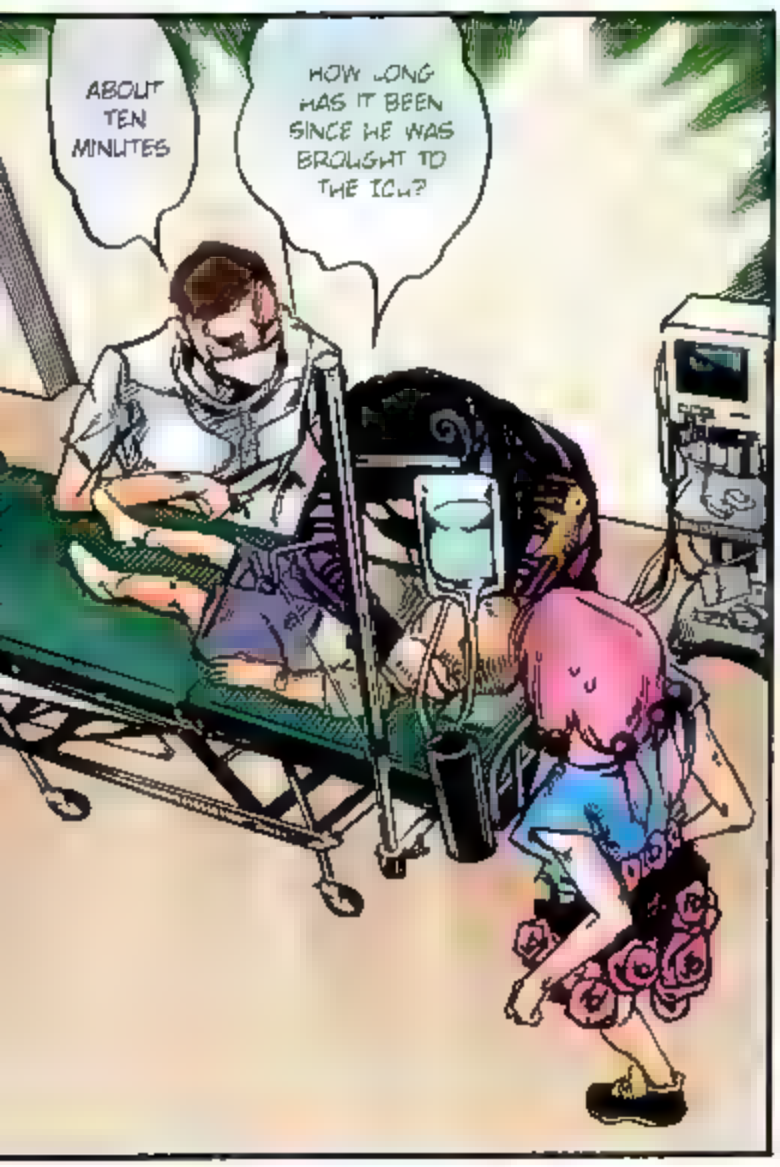
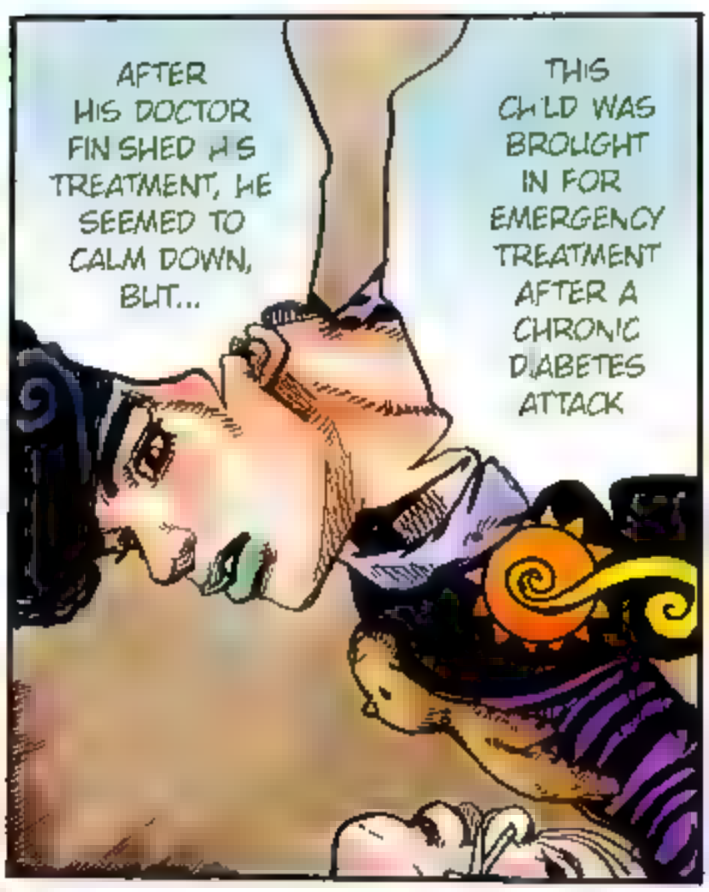
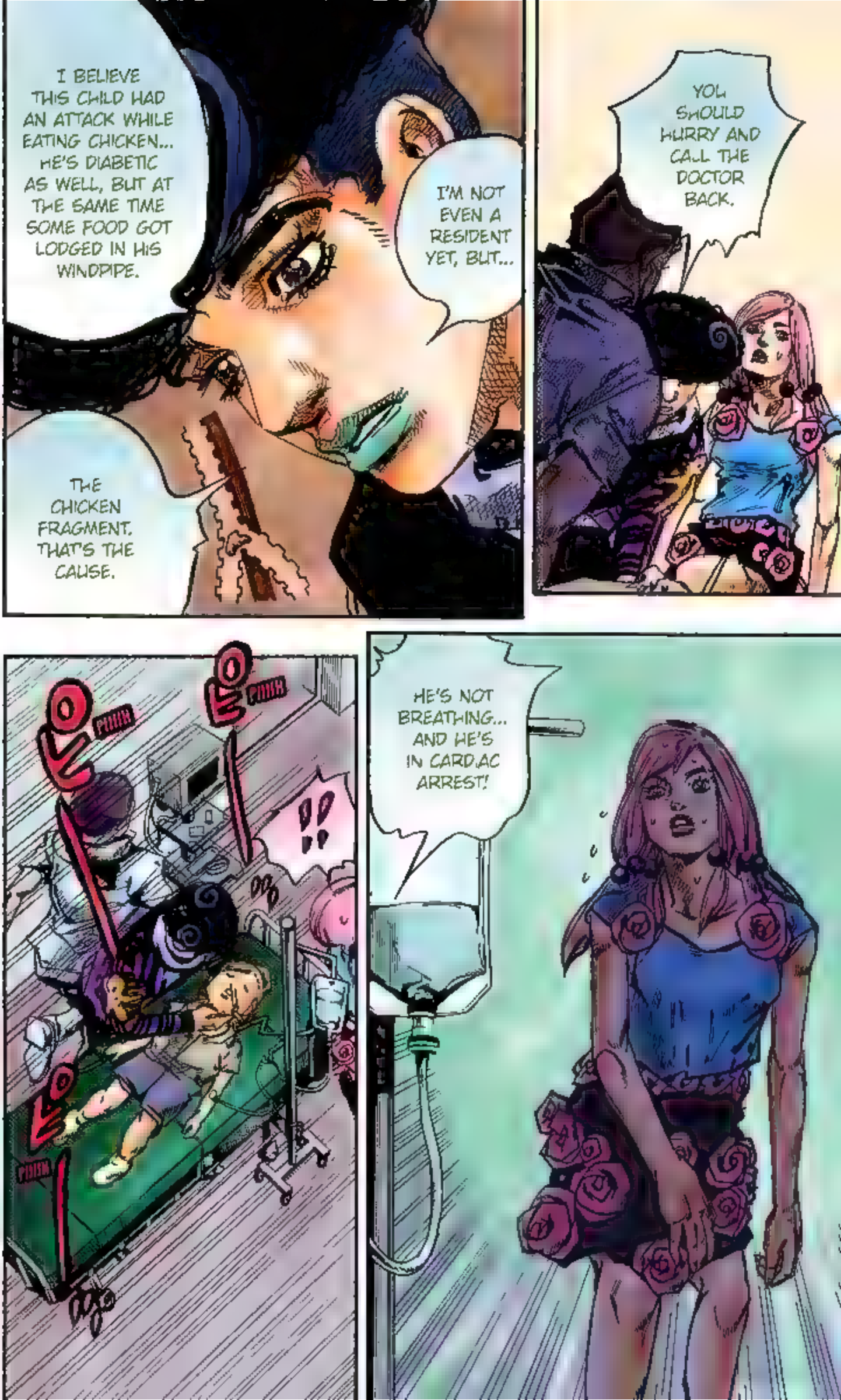
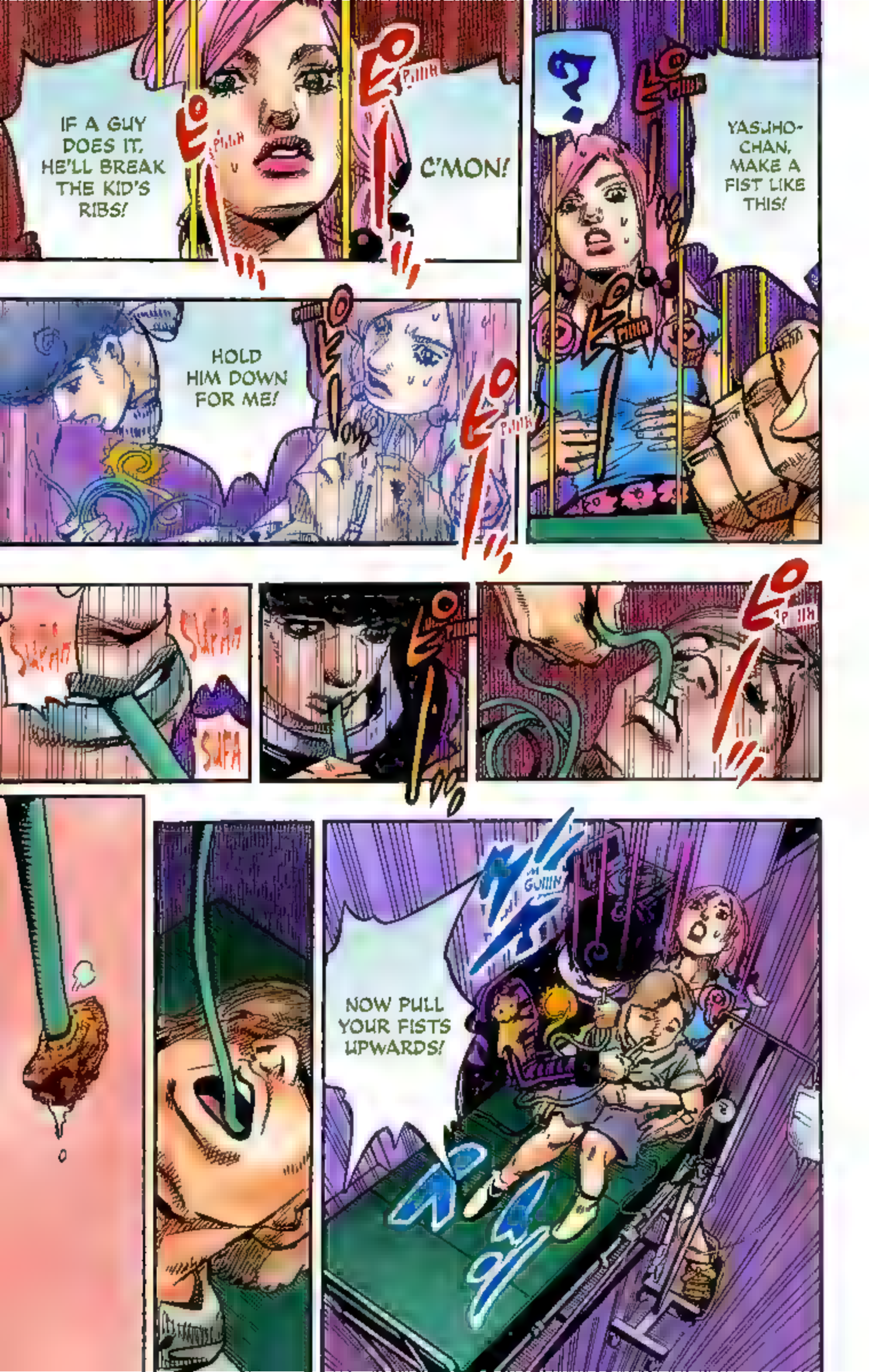

ABOUT TEN MINUTES
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE ICU?

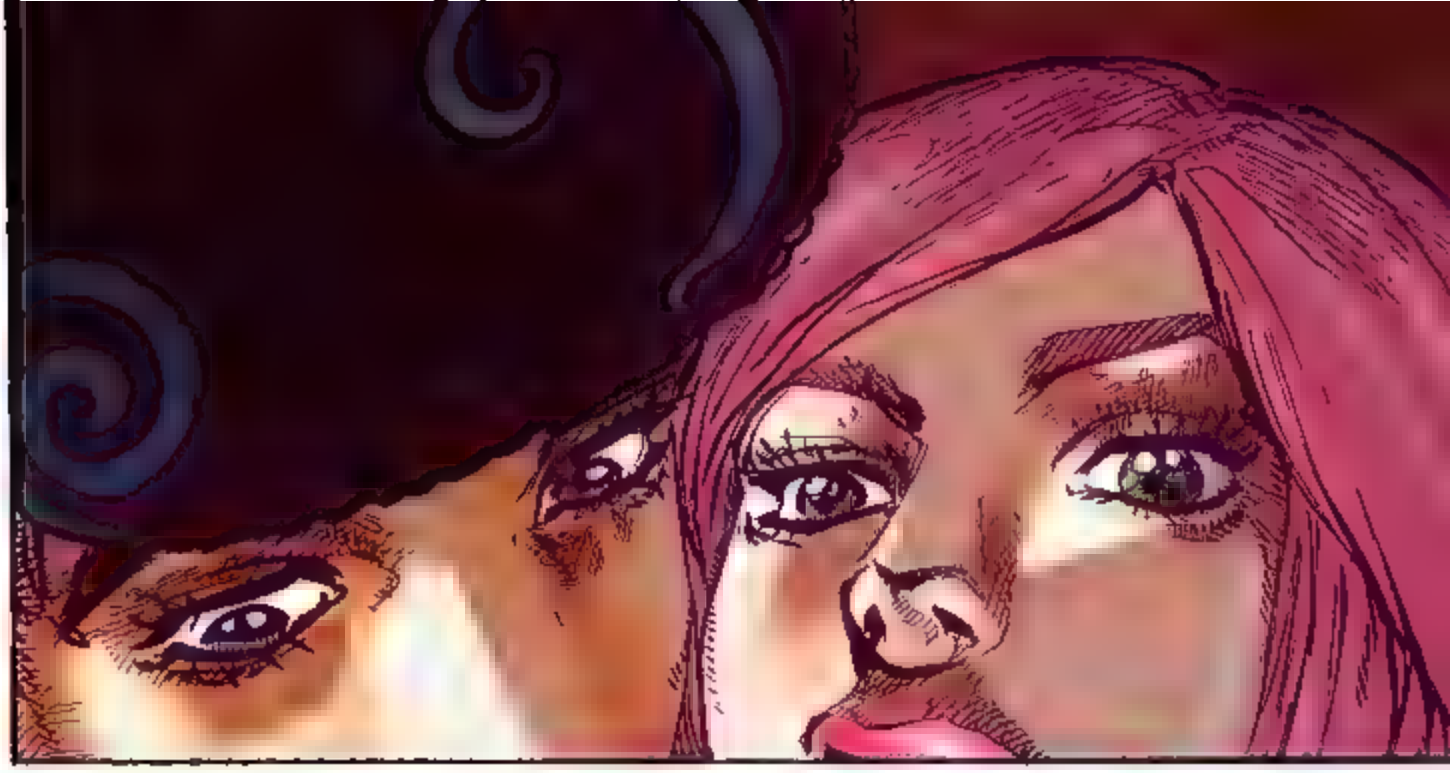

AFTER HIS DOCTOR FINISHED HIS TREATMENT, HE SEEMED TO CALM DOWN, BUT...
THIS CHILD WAS BROUGHT IN FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT AFTER A CHRONIC DIABETES ATTACK

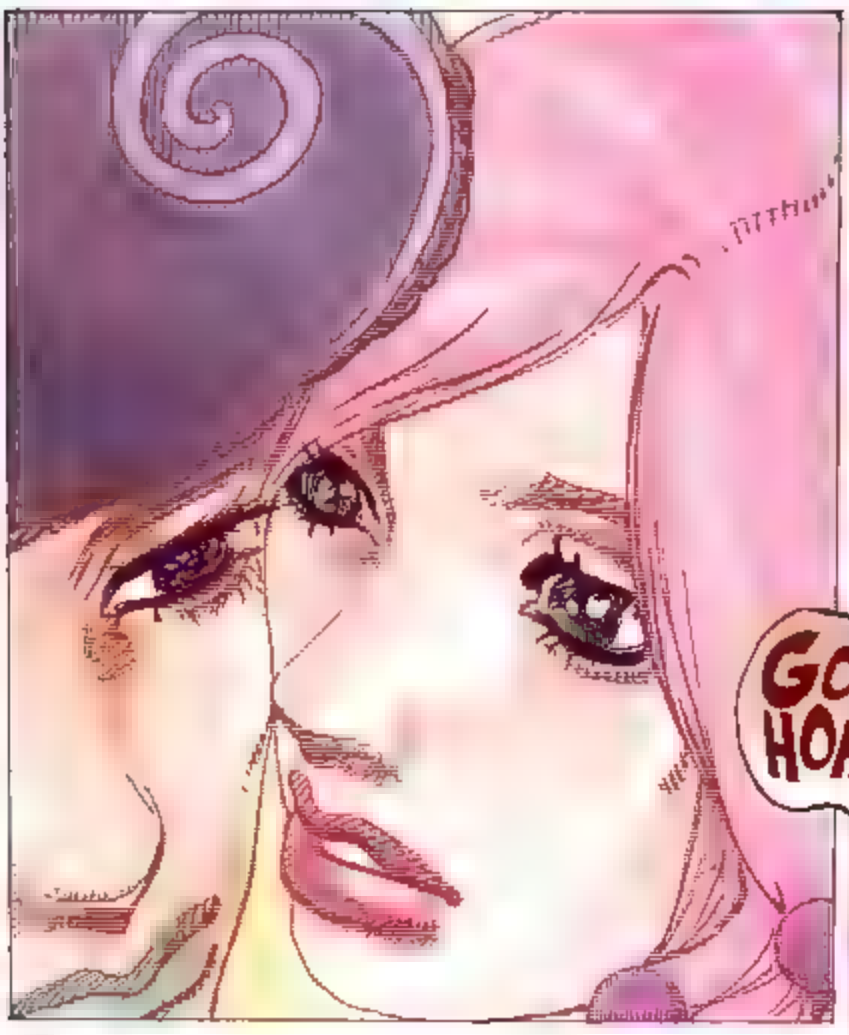
GON
GON

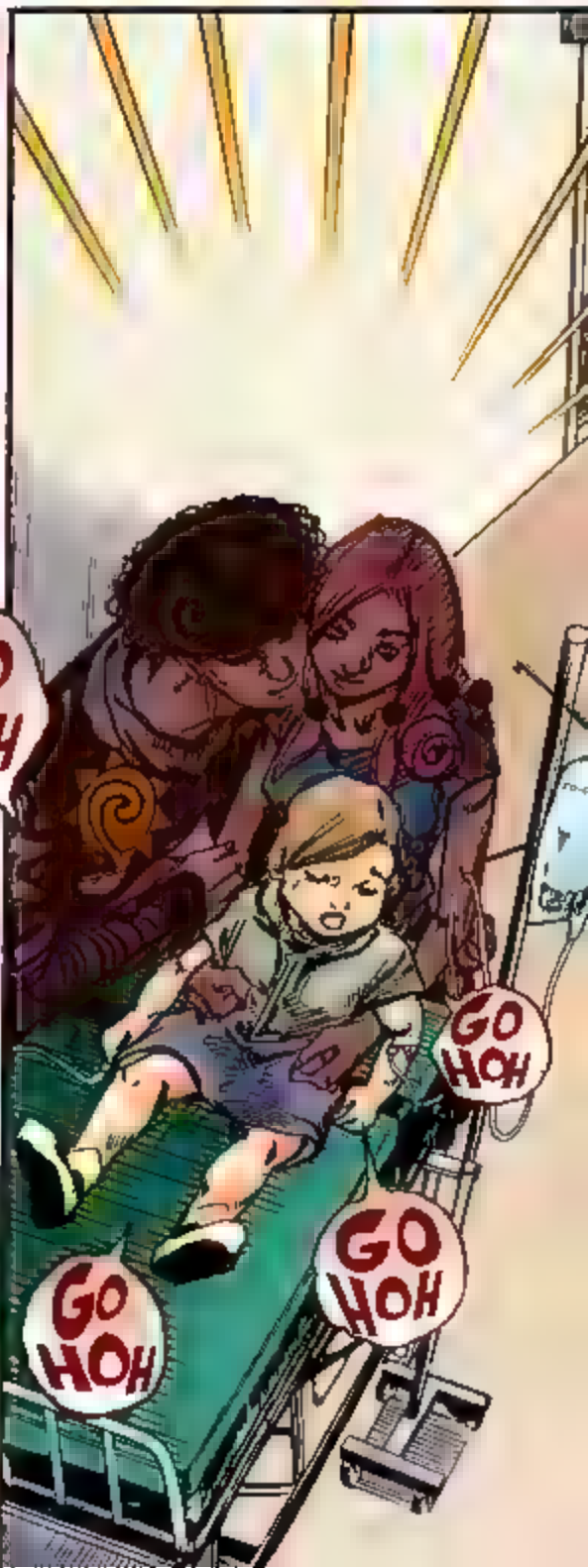
10 MINUTES.


I BELIEVE THIS CHILD HAD AN ATTACK WHILE EATING CHICKEN... HE'S DIABETIC AS WELL, BUT AT THE SAME TIME SOME FOOD GOT LODGED IN HIS WINDPIPE.
I'M NOT EVEN A RESIDENT YET, BUT...
THE CHICKEN FRAGMENT. THAT'S THE CAUSE.
YOU SHOULD HURRY AND CALL THE DOCTOR BACK.
CLEAR
PHHH
CLEAR
PHHH
!!
CLEAR
PHHH
HE'S NOT BREATHING... AND HE'S IN CARDIAC ARREST!

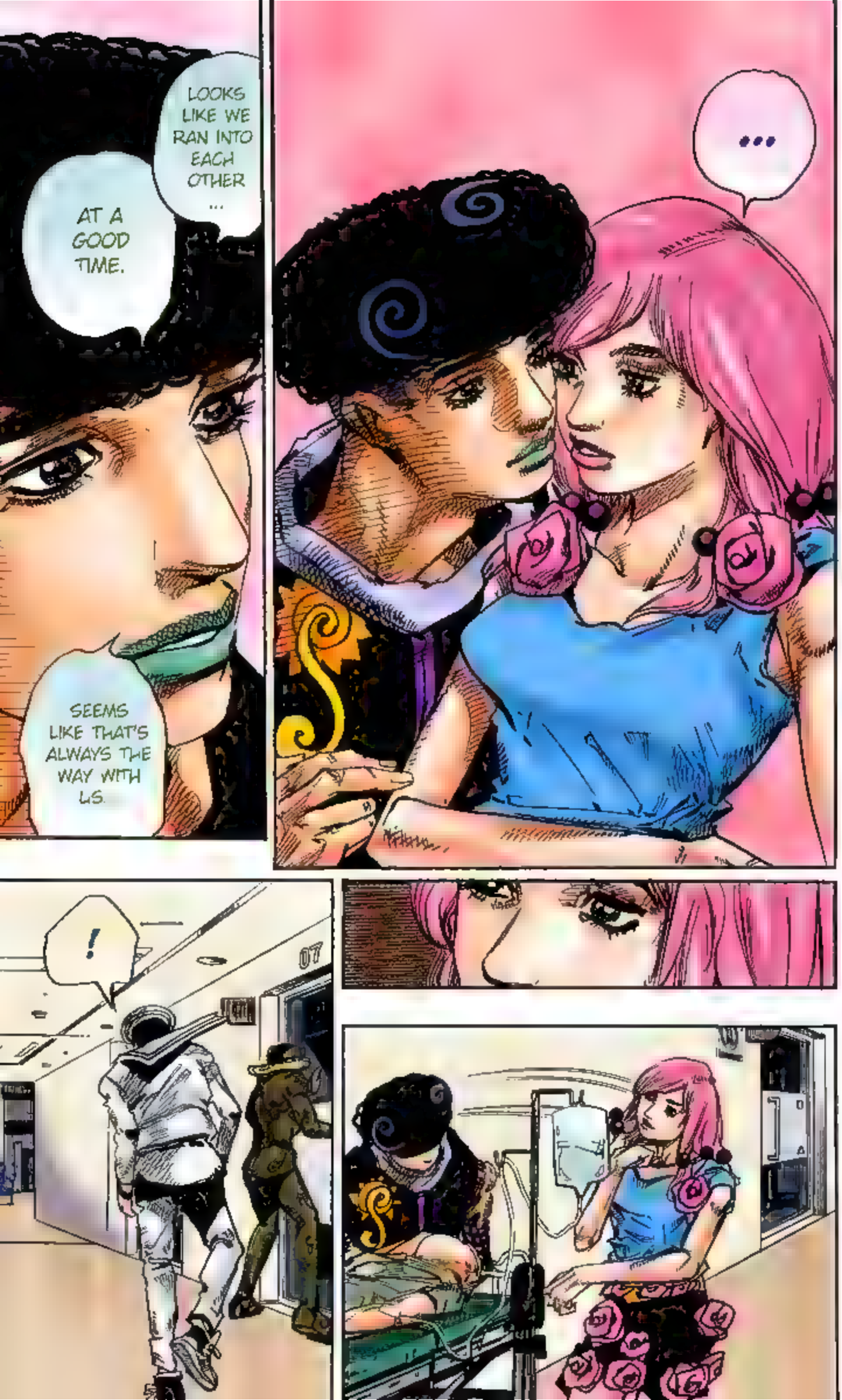

IF A GUY DOES IT, HE'LL BREAK THE KID'S RIBS!
C'MON!
HOLD HIM DOWN FOR ME!
YASUHO-CHAN, MAKE A FIST LIKE THIS!
?
SUFA
SUFA
SUFA
NOW PULL YOUR FISTS UPWARDS!






GO HOH
GO HOH
GO HOH
GO HOH

LOOKS LIKE HE'S SAFE. THANKS TO YOU.
IT'S OKAY NOW
YASUHO-CHAN.


LOOKS LIKE WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER ...
AT A GOOD TIME.
SEEMS LIKE THAT'S ALWAYS THE WAY WITH US.
...
!
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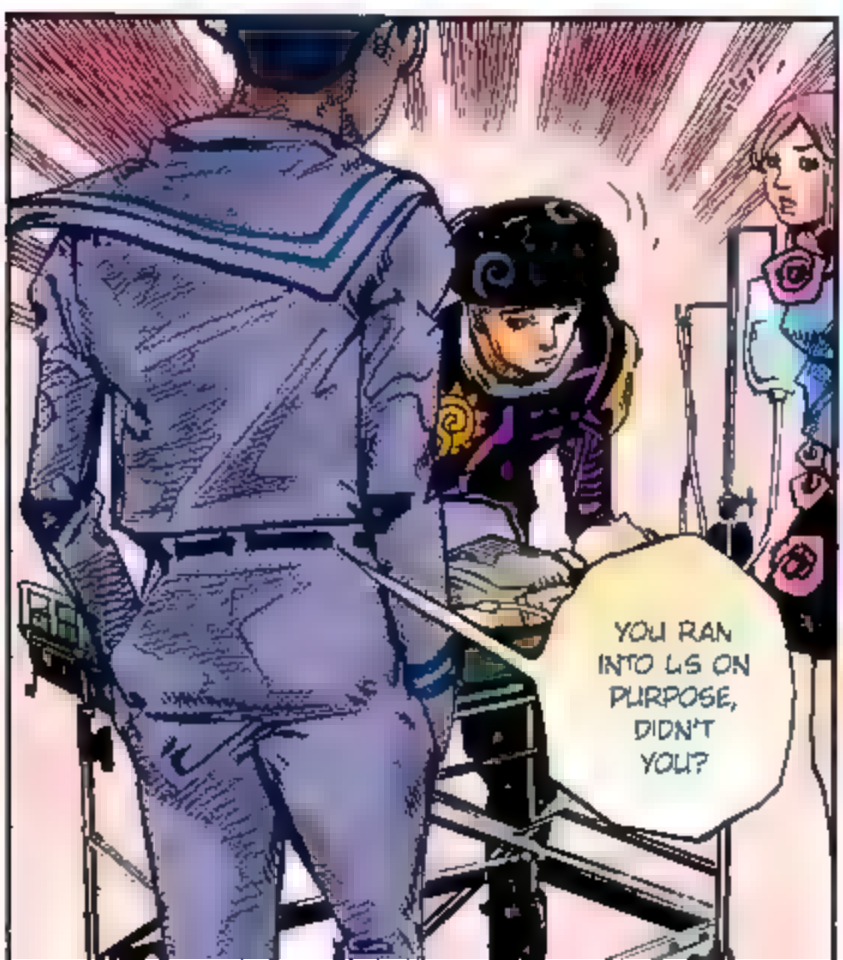
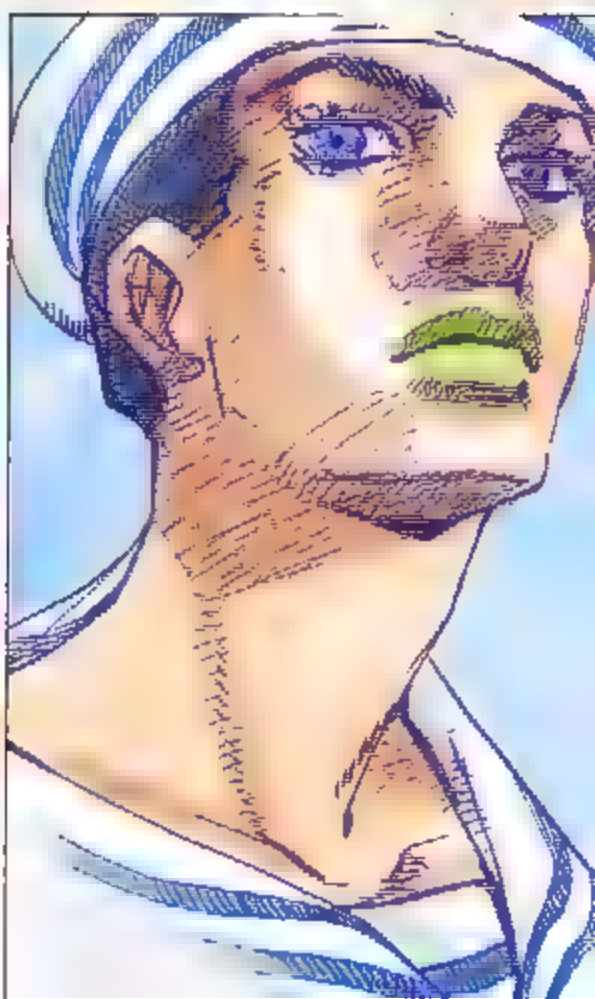
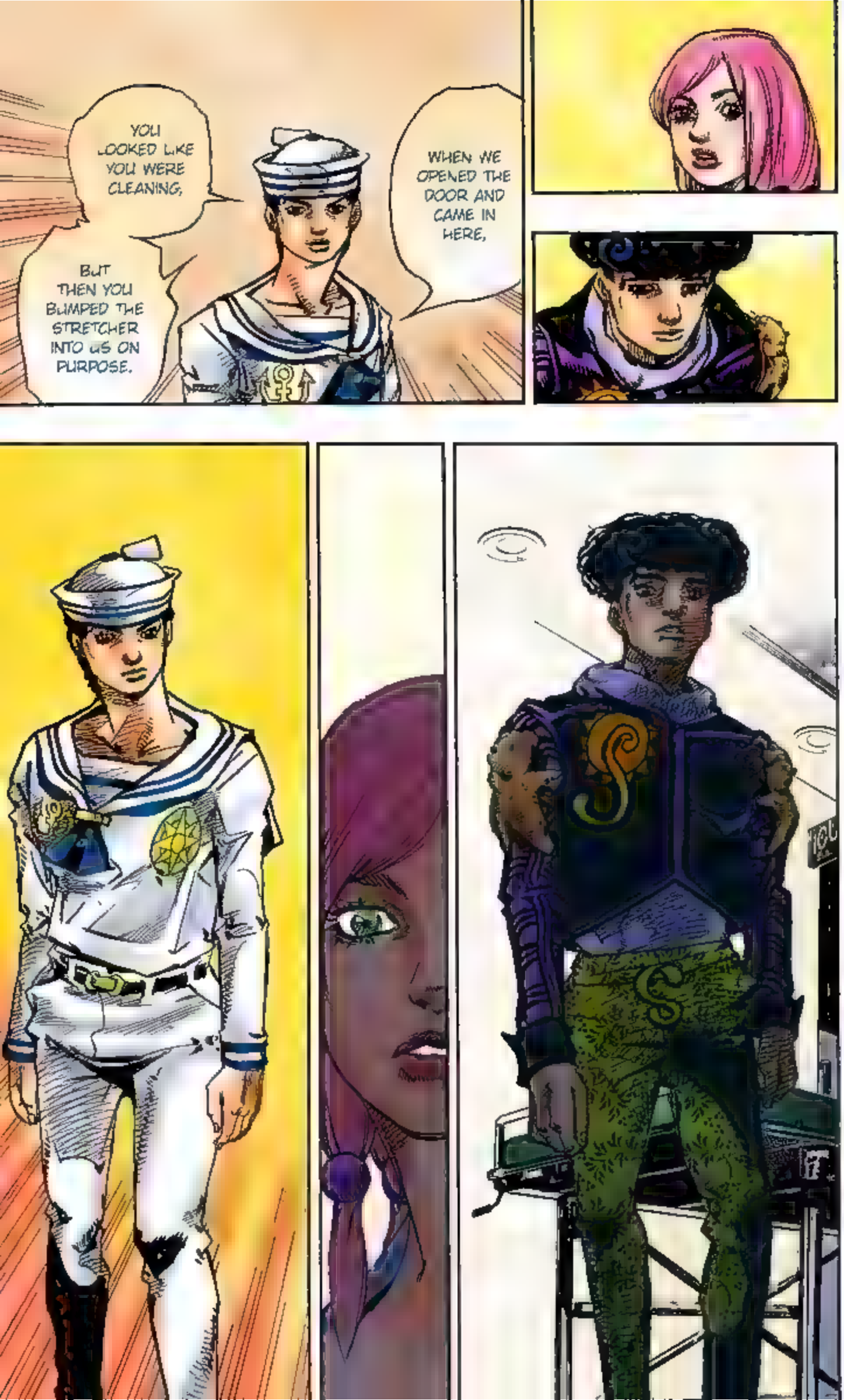

YOU RAN INTO US ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU?




YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE CLEANING,
BUT THEN YOU BUMPED THE STRETCHER INTO US ON PURPOSE.
WHEN WE OPENED THE DOOR AND CAME IN HERE,

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT HERE.
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE. YOU'RE ALWAYS SHOWING UP OUT OF THE BLUE.
YOU'VE BEEN "INTERFERING" WITH US.
WELL THIS KINDA CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
JOSUKE?
WHAT IN THE WORLD..?
?
OUT OF THE BLUE?
THAT'S ODD.
SO, UH I'LL TELL YOU
SO, APPARENTLY YOU GUYS THINK I INTERFERED WITH YOUR SEARCH FOR THE "HEAD DOCTOR"
WAIT YASUHO-CHAN.
UH. I WORK PART TIME AT THIS HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW
JOSUKE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY HERE

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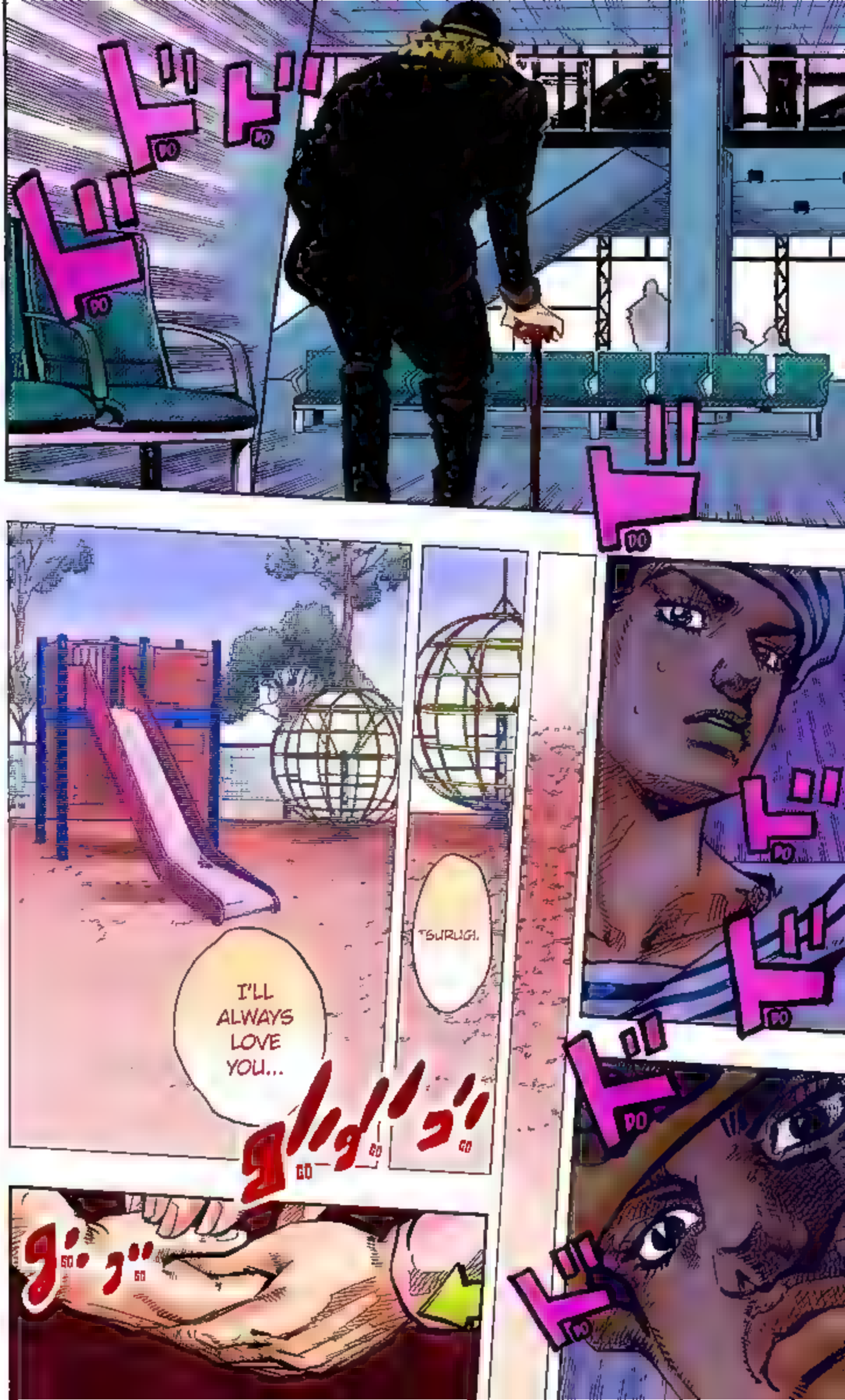
WAS HE SITTING THERE THE WHOLE TIME?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
...SINCE WHEN WAS HE...?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TSURUGI.
I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU...
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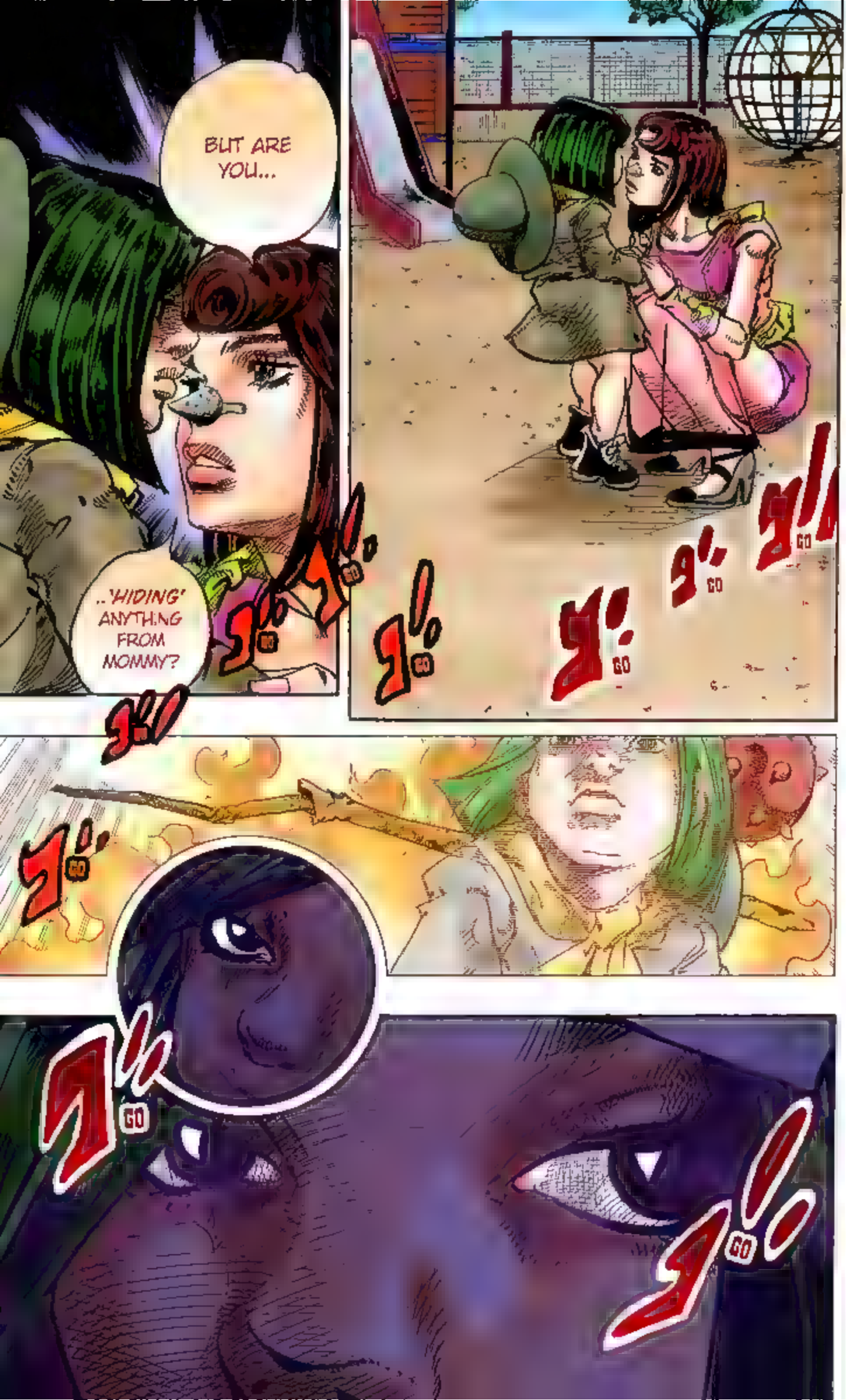
BUT ARE YOU...
..'HIDING' ANYTHING FROM MOMMY?
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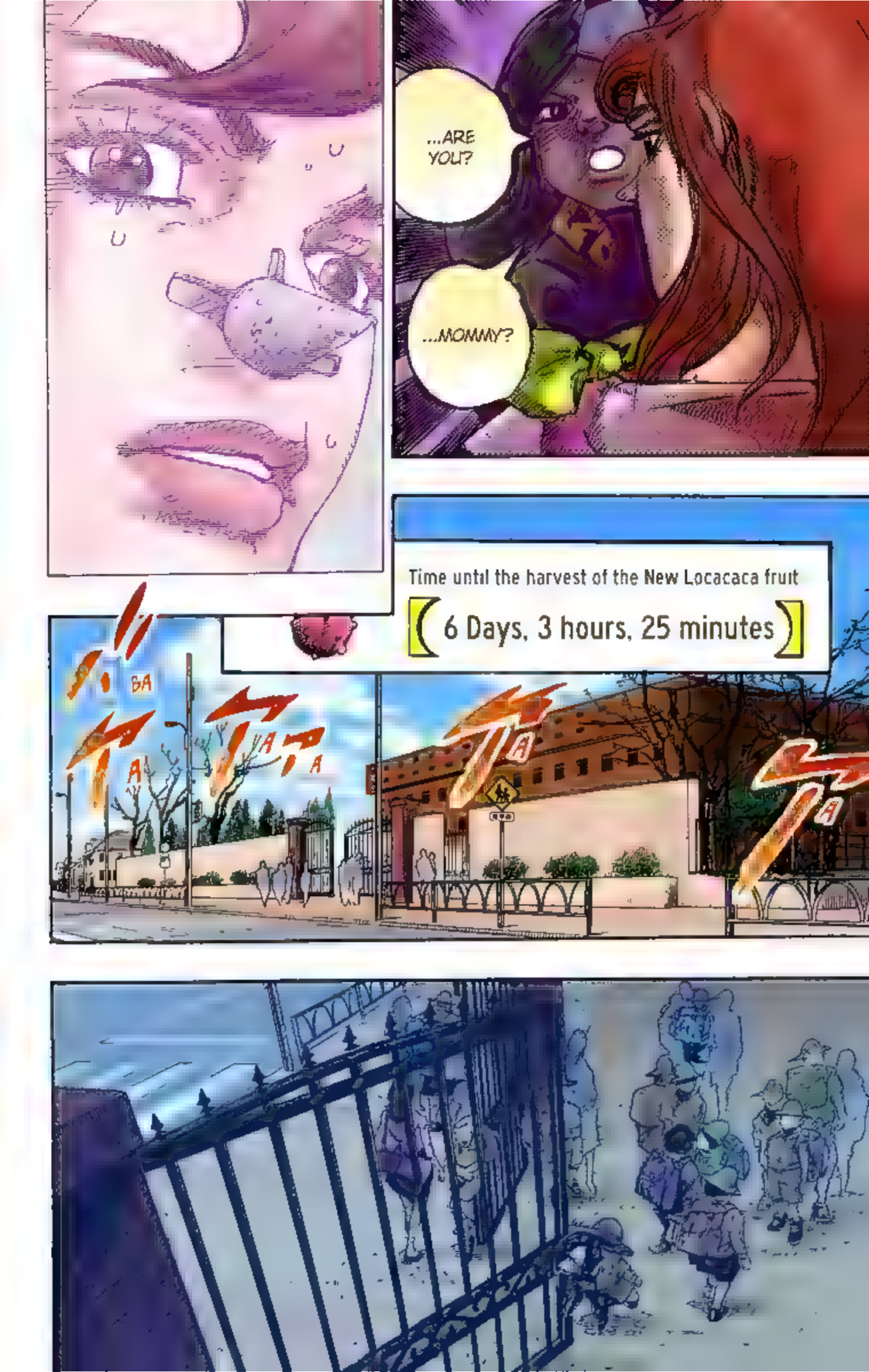
...ARE YOU?
...MOMMY?
Time until the harvest of the New Locacaca fruit
6 Days, 3 hours, 25 minutes

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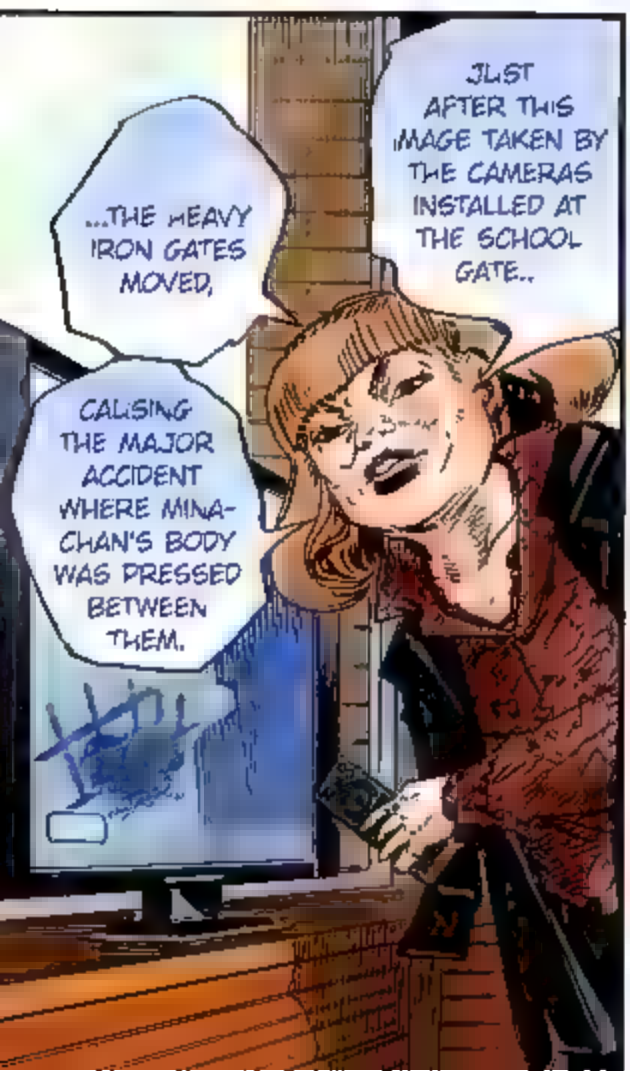
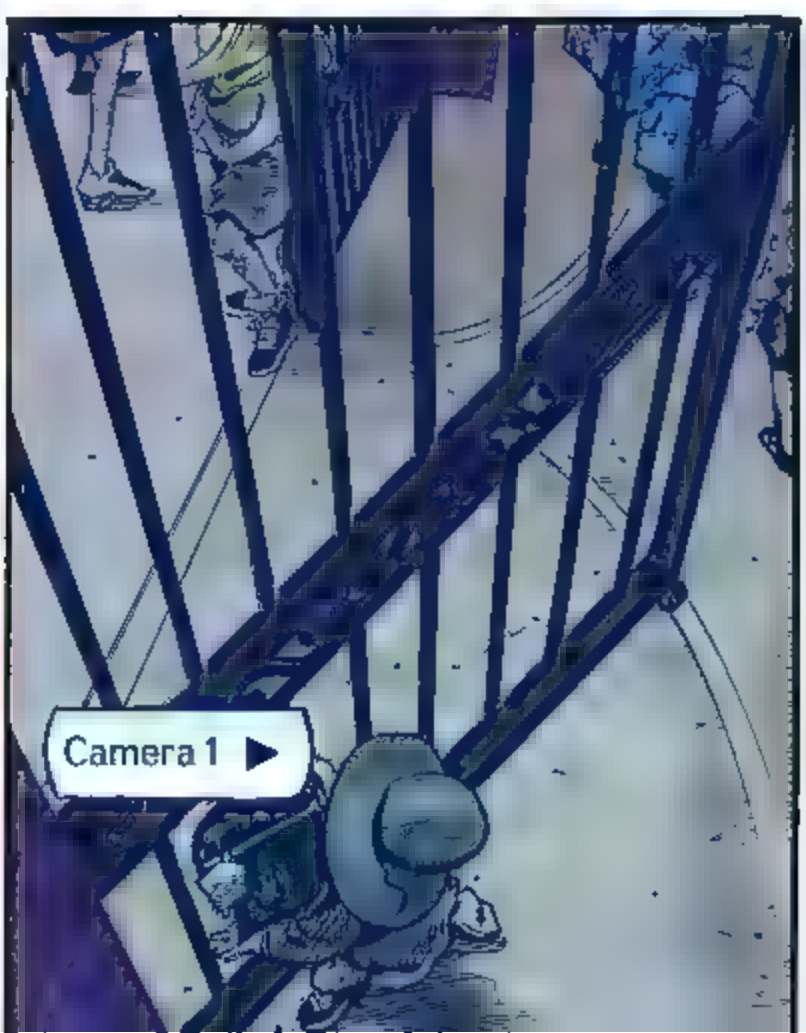

...THE HEAVY IRON GATES MOVED,
JUST AFTER THIS IMAGE TAKEN BY THE CAMERAS INSTALLED AT THE SCHOOL GATE..
CAUSING THE MAJOR ACCIDENT WHERE MINA-CHAN'S BODY WAS PRESSED BETWEEN THEM.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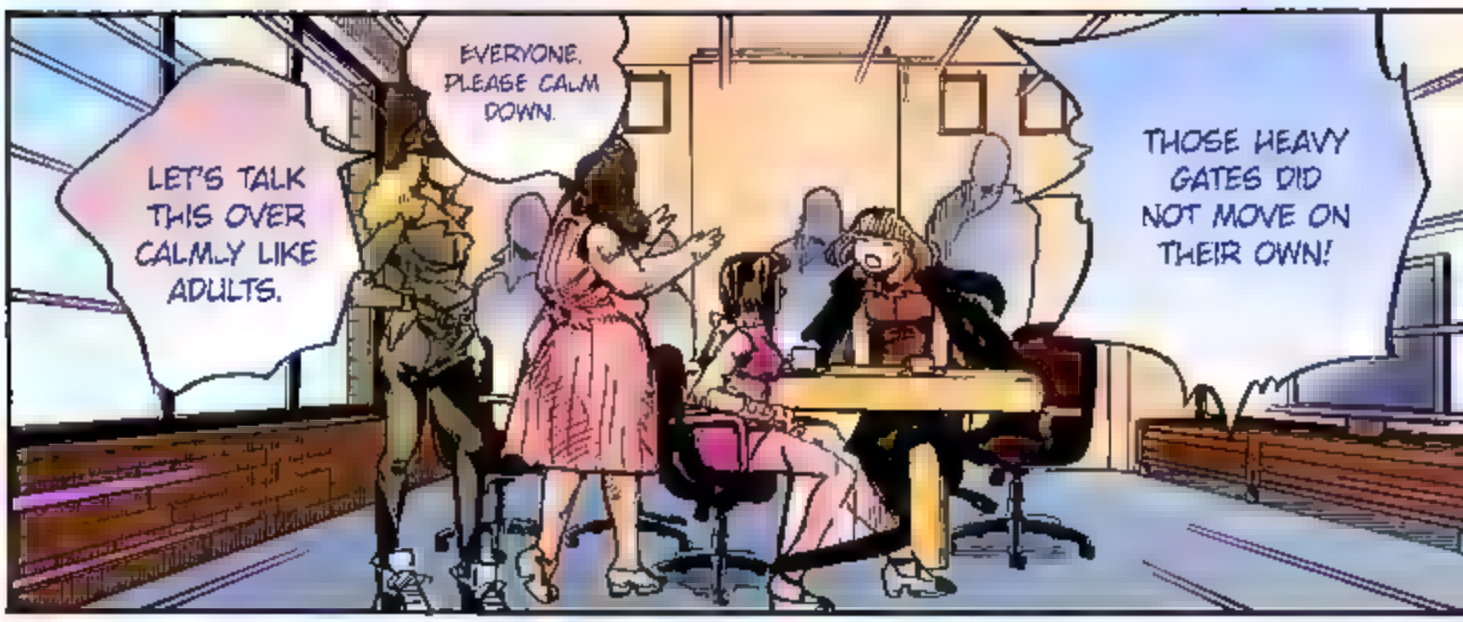
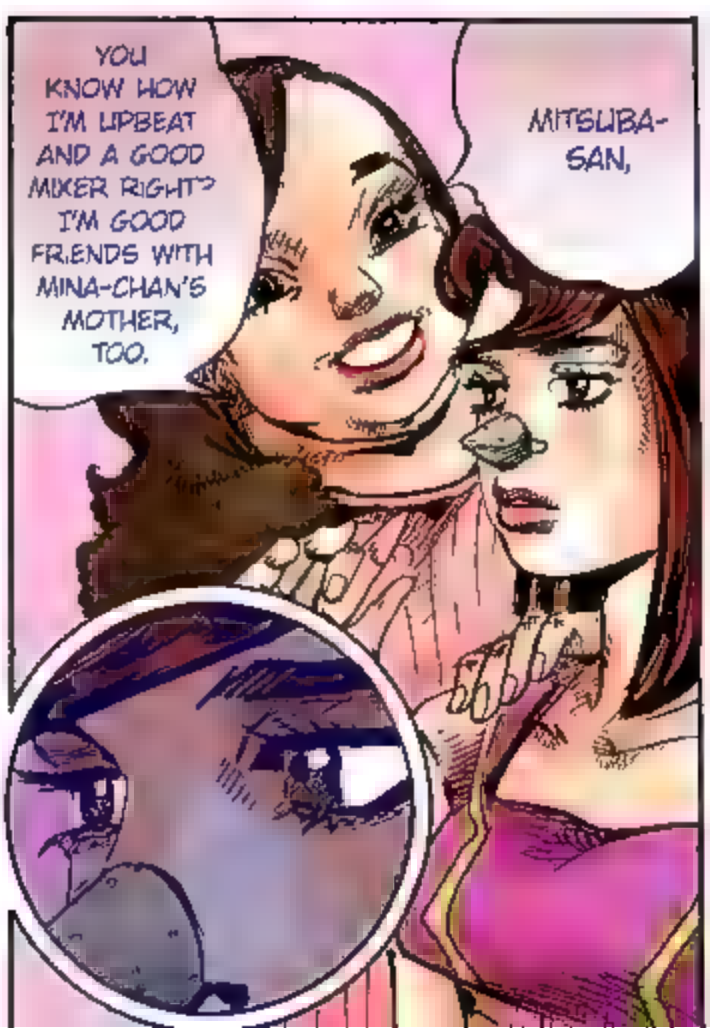
LUCKILY MINA-CHAN'S INJURIES WERE MINOR JUST SOME LIGHT SCRATCHES.
SHE'S RECOVERING QUITE WELL AT THE HOSPITAL.
HIGASHIKATA-SAN, DO YOU HAVE 'ANY OPINIONS' TO GIVE REGARDING THIS IMAGE?
OPINIONS ?
BUT MOST REGRETTABLY
—MINA-CHAN'S MOTHER SAW HER CHILD BLEEDING.
SHE COLLAPSED FROM THE SHOCK AND WAS BROUGHT INTO THE SAME HOSPITAL

EVERYONE WHO WAS NEAR MINA-CHAN AT THE TIME HAS SAID THAT THE ONE THAT PUSHED THE 'IRON GATES', HIGASHIKATA-SAN,
THE SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS!!
WAS 'TSURUGI-CHAN'.
ALSO, IT WAS A 'MAJOR ACCIDENT' BUT ALSO IT WAS 'LIGHT SCRATCHES'? ISN'T THAT A BIT CONTRADICTORY?
BY ASKING MY 'OPINIONS'..
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING EXACTLY?
THE CAMERAS SHOW THAT TSURUGI-CHAN WAS NEAR THE IRON GATES!
THE SAME GOES FOR YOUR CHILD.
NOT QUITE 'EVERYONE'.
WHILE EVERYONE WAS SCARED TO DEATH OUT THERE, THIS IDIOT FORCIBLY COAXED "JUST ONE GIRL" INTO SAYING THAT

I'M SAYING MINA-CHAN GOT HERSELF CAUGHT IN BETWEEN THE GATES ON HER OWN AND TSURUGI IS COMPLETELY UNINVOLVED!
ALL THAT'S SHOWN HERE S TSURUGI SIMPLY PASSING BY THE IRON GATE.


LET'S TALK THIS OVER CALMLY LIKE ADULTS.
EVERYONE, PLEASE CALM DOWN.
THOSE HEAVY GATES DID NOT MOVE ON THEIR OWN!

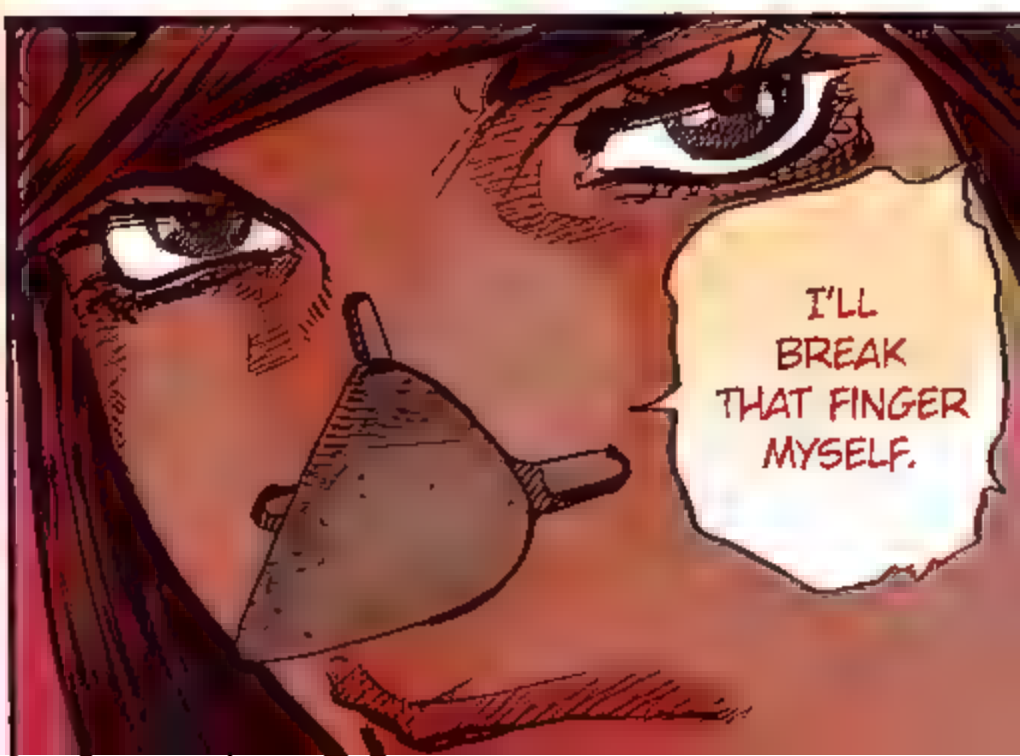

YOU KNOW HOW I'M UPBEAT AND A GOOD MIXER RIGHT? I'M GOOD FRIENDS WITH MINA-CHAN'S MOTHER, TOO.
MITSUBA-SAN,

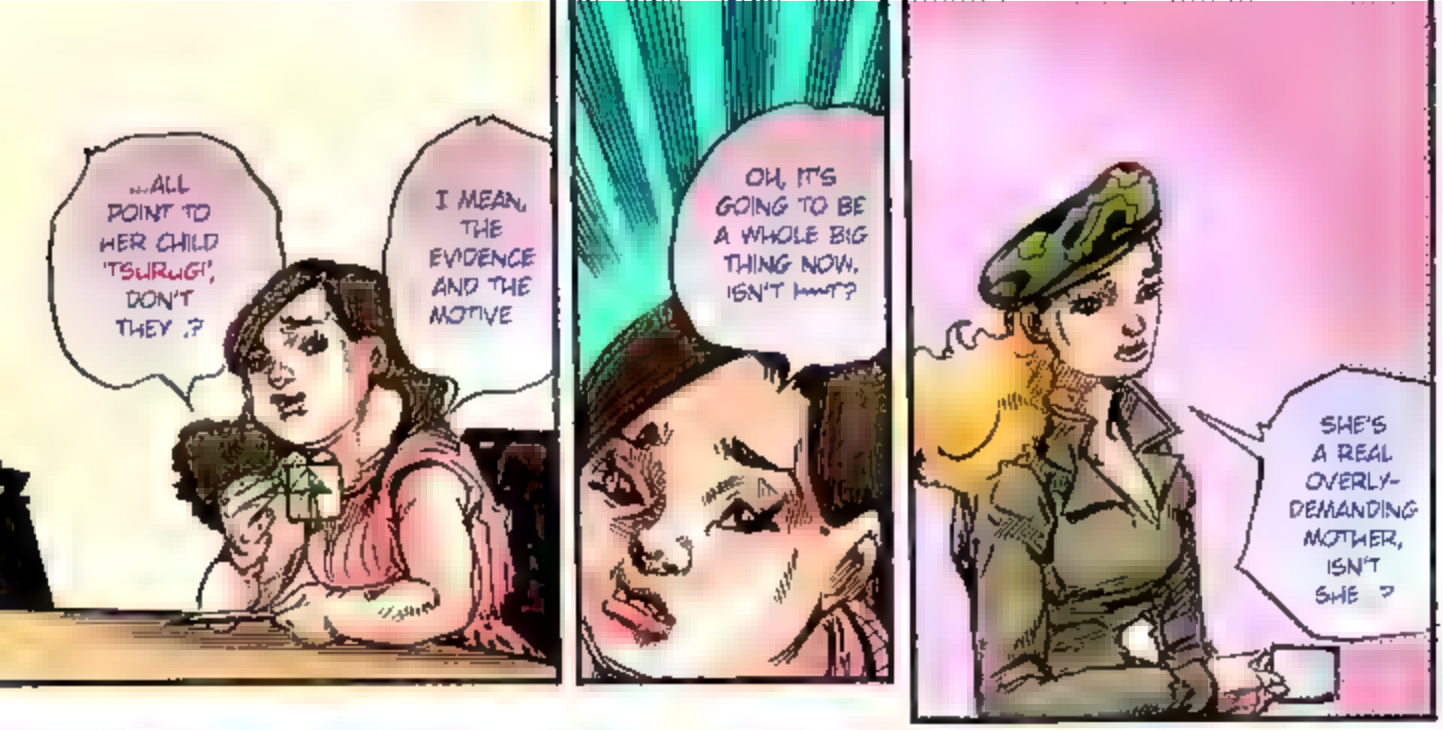
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN KIND TO OUR WHOLE FAMILY
MITSUBA-SAN, DON'T WORRY
HOW IS NORISUKE-SAN DOING?

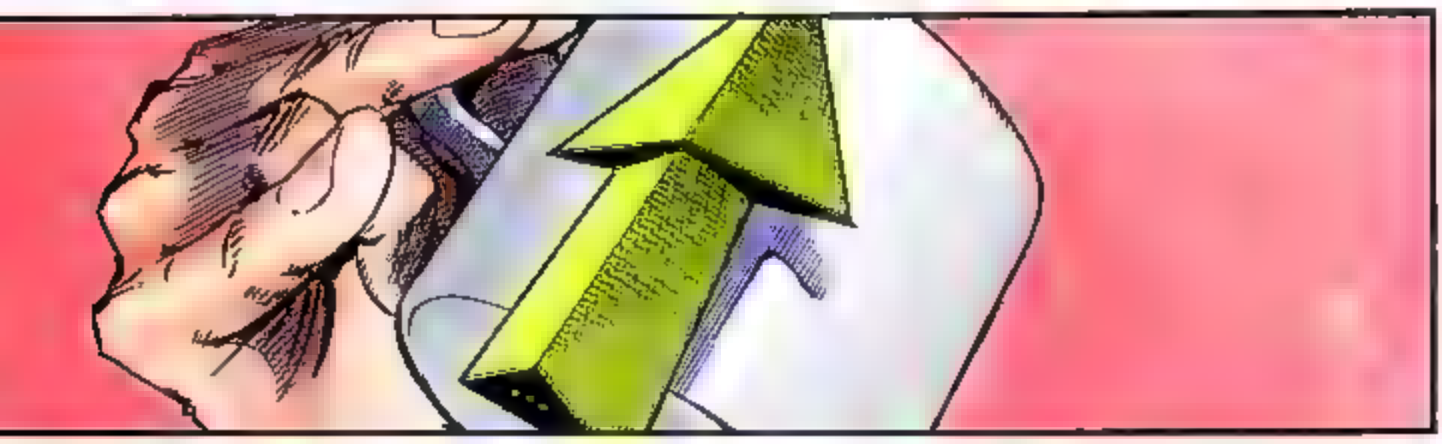
'KAY?
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE... YOU CAN JUST RELAX, MITSUBA-SAN, DON'T WORRY
I'LL BE AN IN-BETWEEN FOR YOU AND MINA-CHAN'S MOM.
AND GET THIS WHOLE THING SMOOTHED OUT.
IT REALLY IS A BLESSING MINA-CHAN WAS ONLY LIGHTLY SCATHED LIKE THAT.
MOVE YOUR HAND.
DO YOU THINK WE'RE FRIENDS OR SOMETHING? TAKE IT OFF
SORRY, DID I SAY HAND? I MEANT TO SAY FRONT PAW. OFF
DON'T TOUCH ME.
LISTEN...
FRONT PAW?!

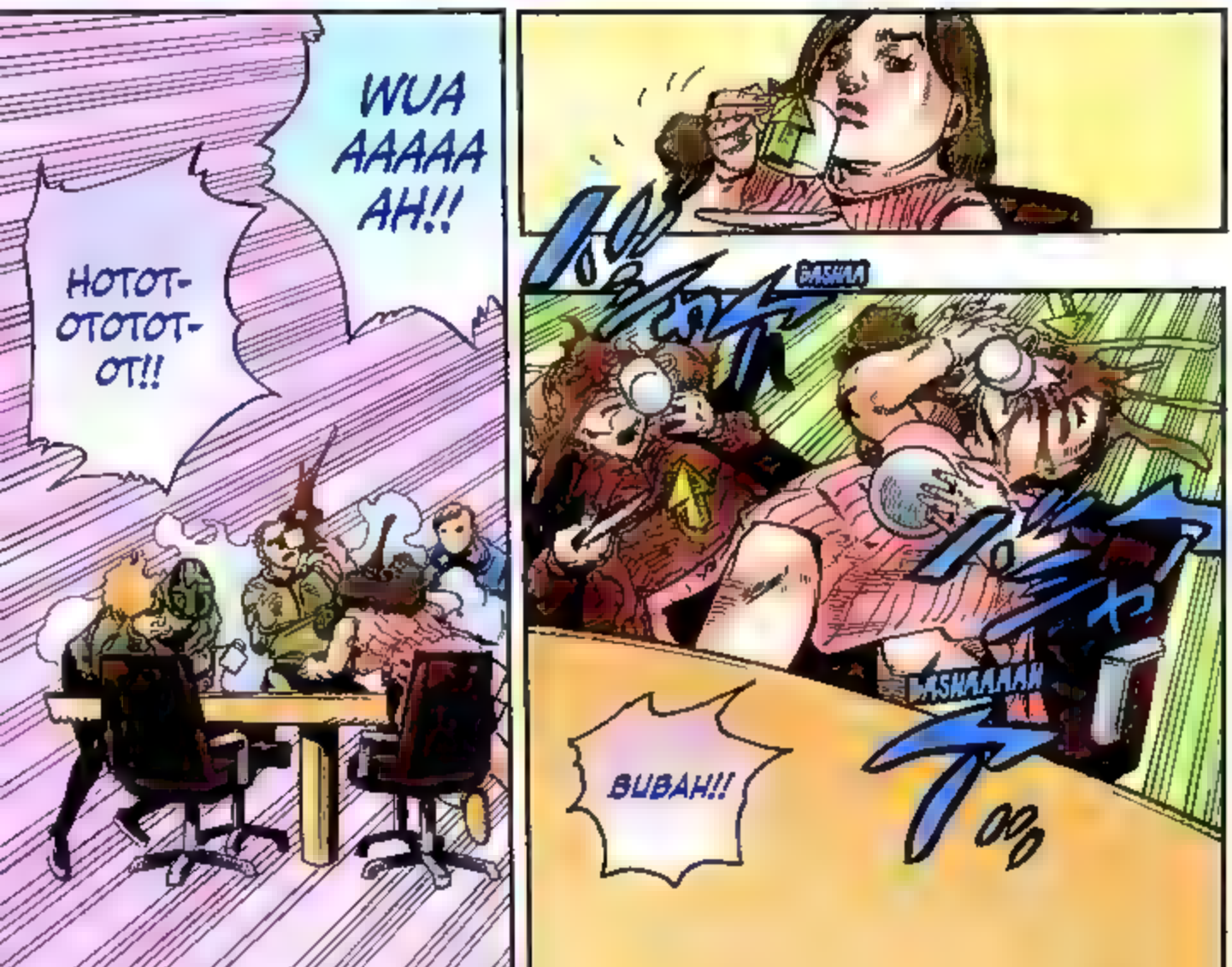
IT GOES FOR YOUR CHILDREN TOO! IF ANY OF YOU EVER 'DARES' LAY A FINGER ON MY TSURUGI AGAIN...
ALL MY TSURUGI DID YESTERDAY WAS CLUB ACTIVITIES WITH HIS PEERS.
HE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING ELSE AND HE NEVER EVEN SAID ANYTHING!
SO YOU WANNA BE A 'MEDIATOR' HUH? KEEP THAT BULLSHIT IN YOUR MOUTH!
AND YOU,
THAT GOES FOR YOU...
...AND ALL OF YOU!

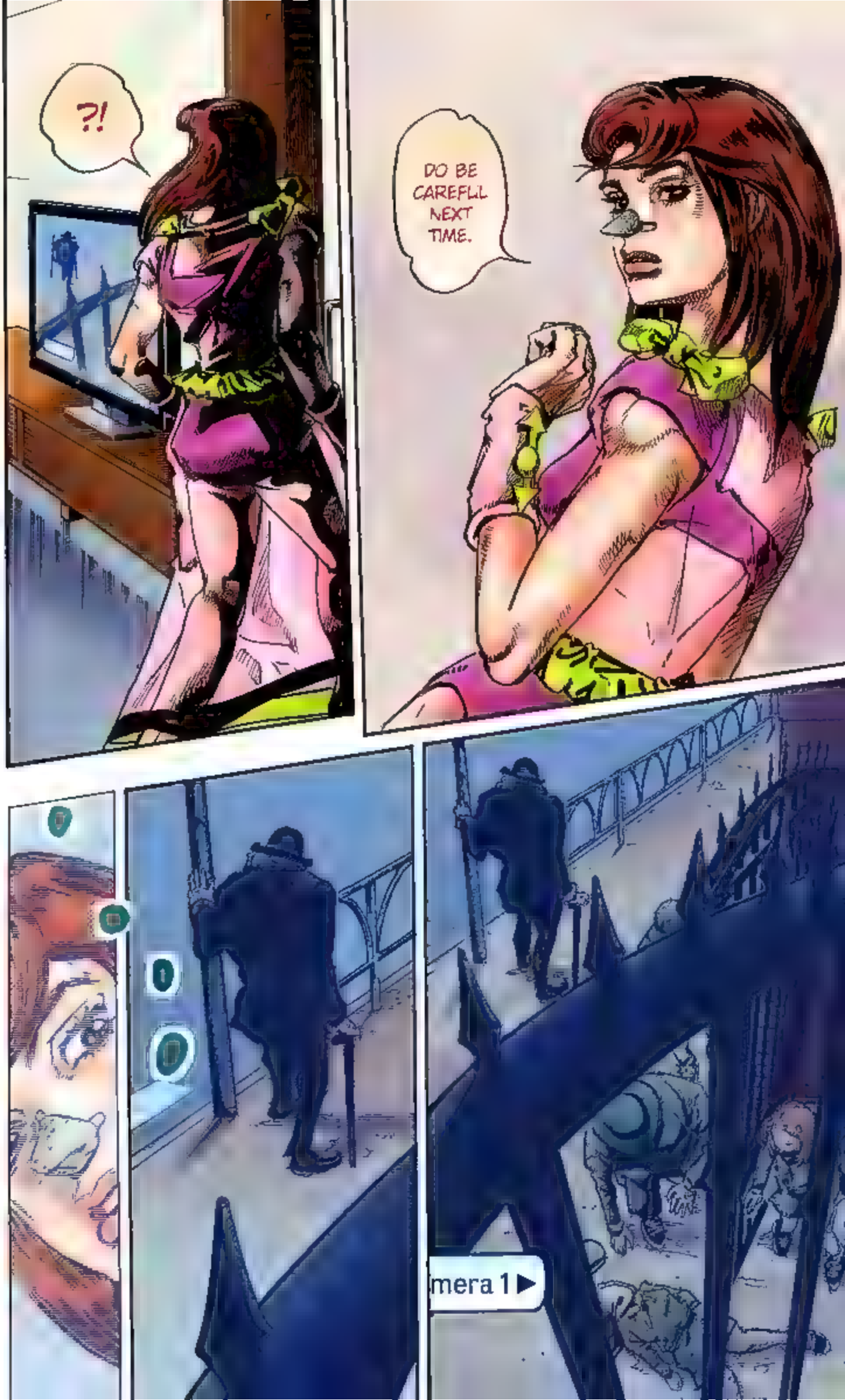
I'M OUTTA HERE.


I'LL BREAK THAT FINGER MYSELF.


...ALL POINT TO HER CHILD 'TSURUGI', DON'T THEY ?
I MEAN, THE EVIDENCE AND THE MOTIVE
OH, IT'S GOING TO BE A WHOLE BIG THING NOW, ISN'T IT?
SHE'S A REAL OVERLY-DEMANDING MOTHER, ISN'T SHE ?




WUA AAAAA AH!!
HOTOT-OTOTOT-OT!!
BASHA
BASHAAAAH
BUBAH!!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DO BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME.
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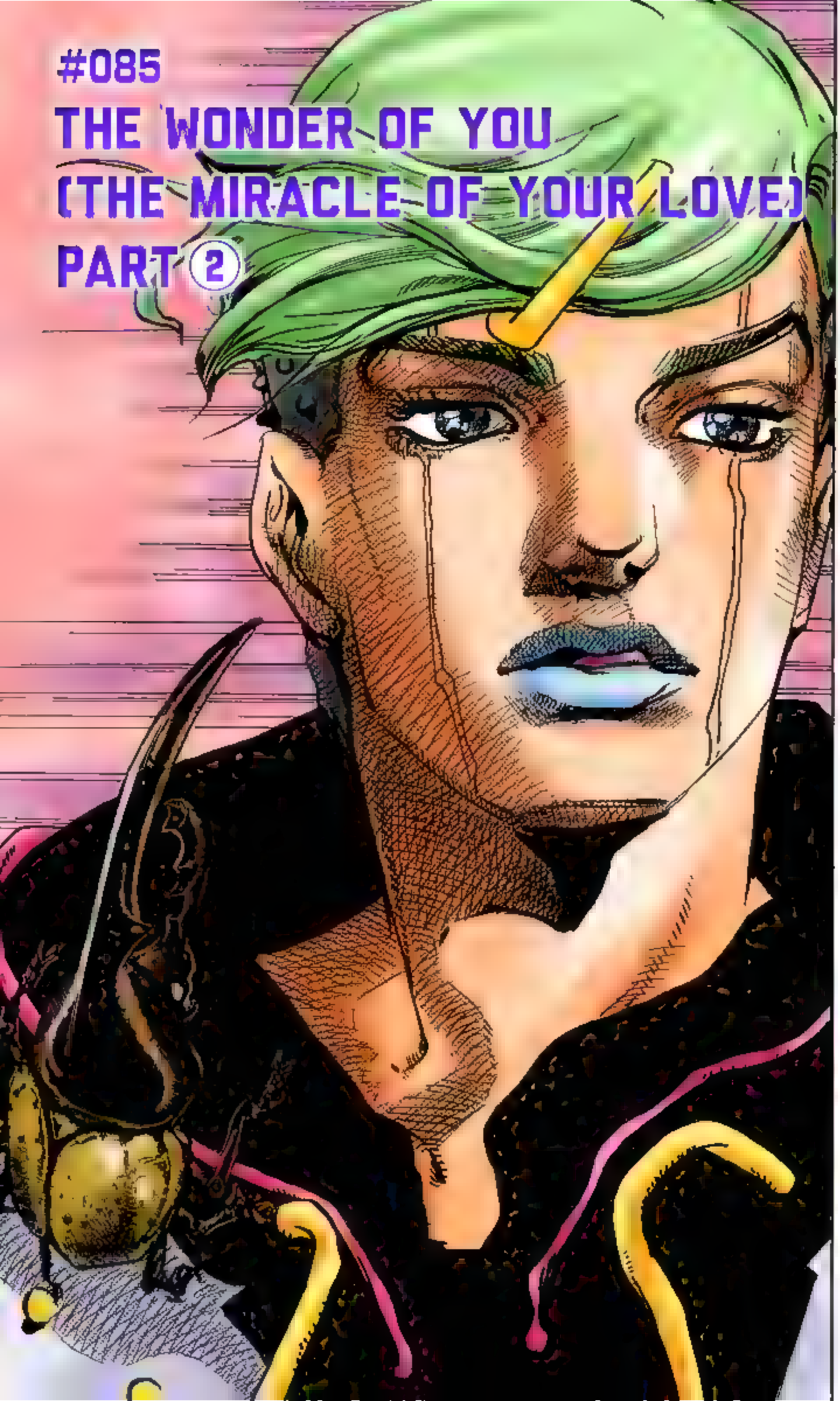
I... KNOW THIS PERSON.
...THAT BACK... I DO BELIEVE THAT'S THE 'HEAD DOCTOR' OF TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
BUT WHY IS HE HERE?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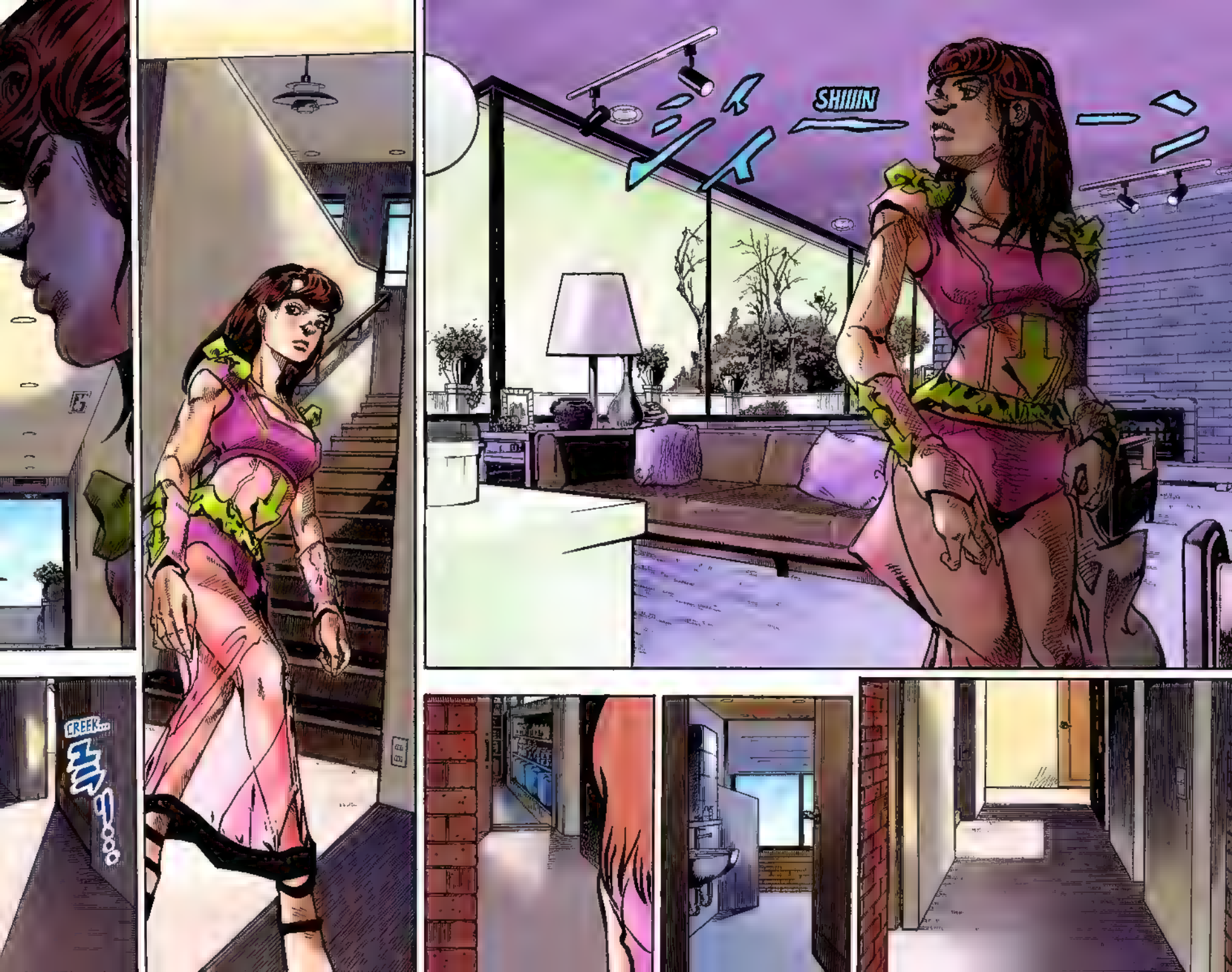
THE WONDER OF YOU
(THE MIRACLE OF YOUR LOVE)
PART 2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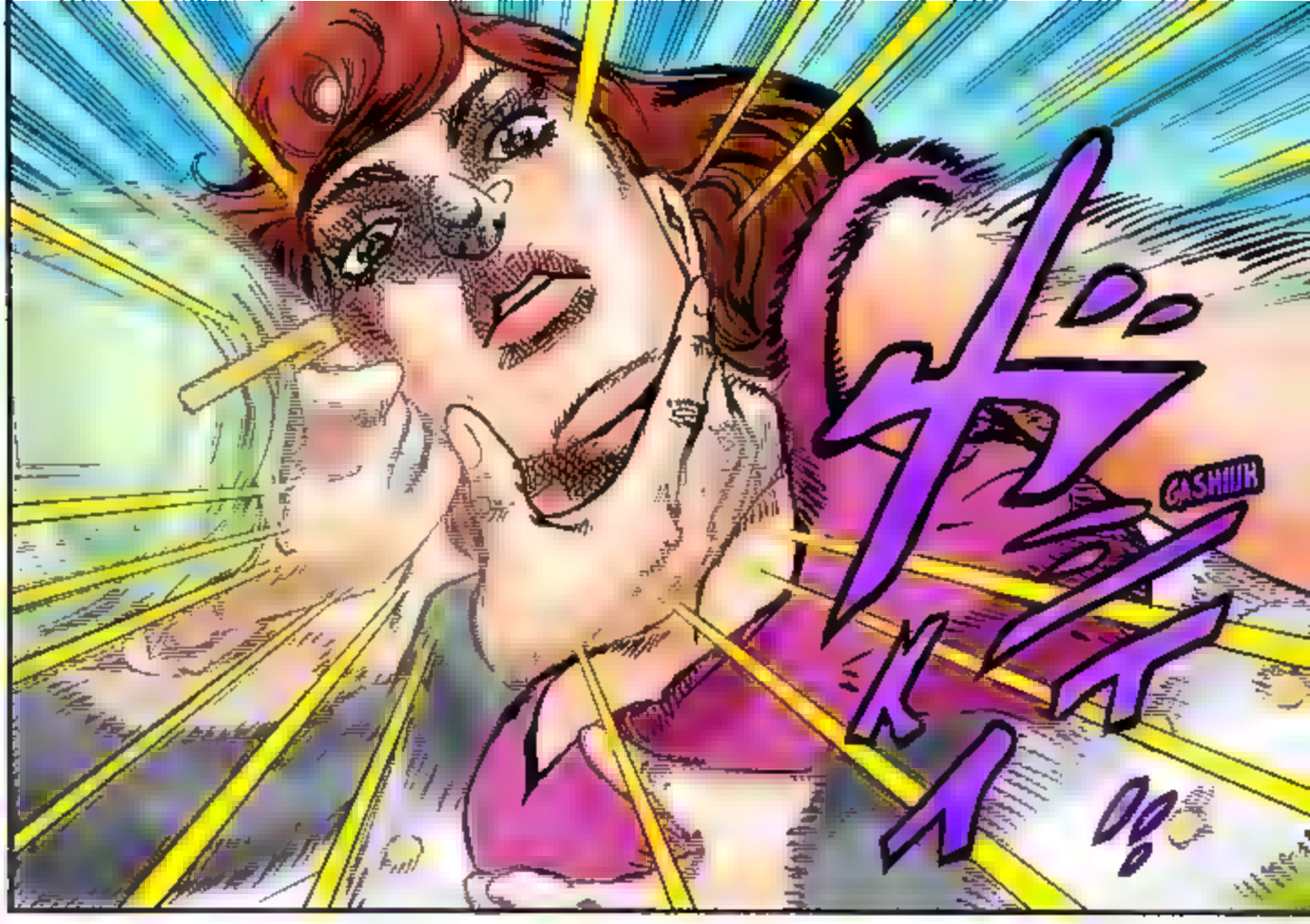
CREEK...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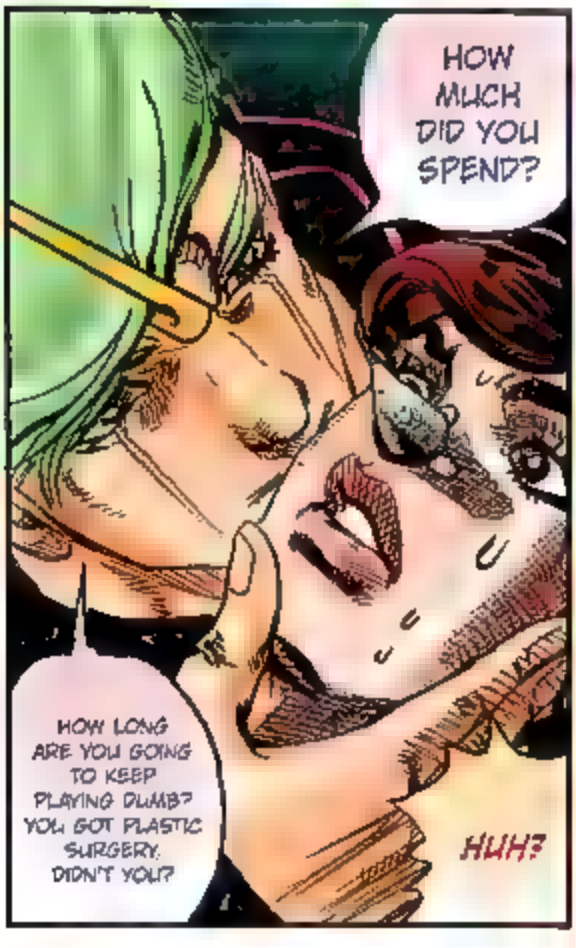
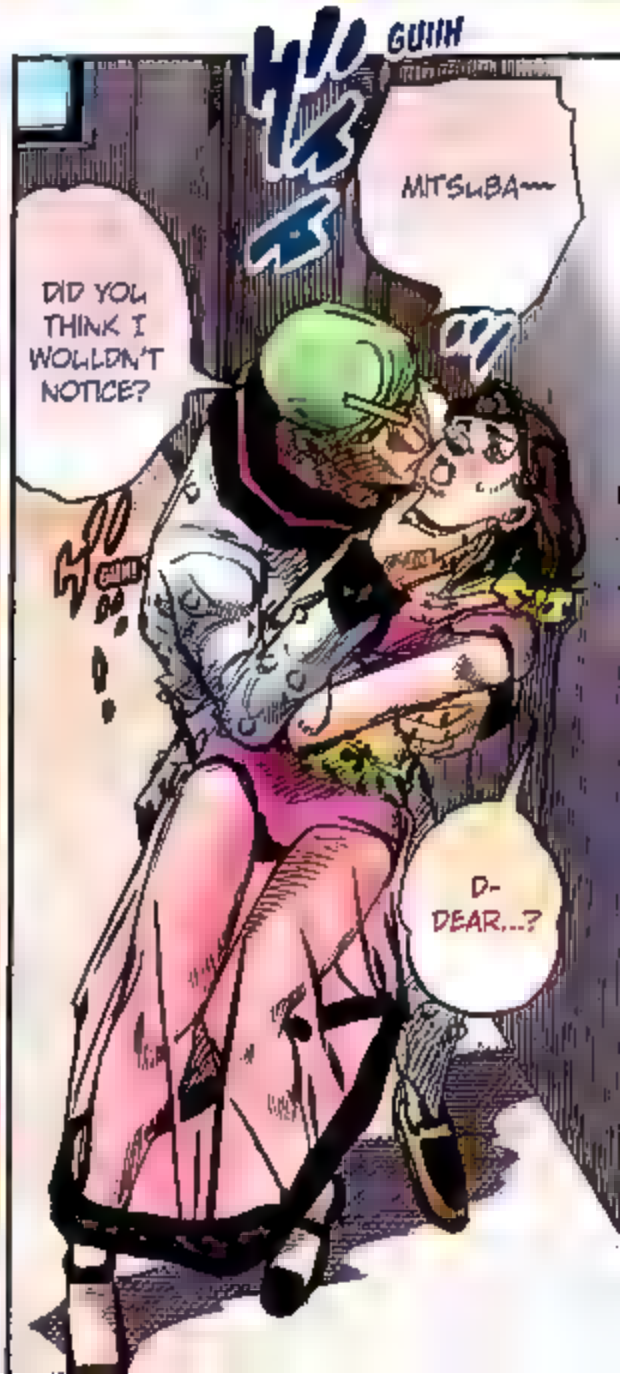
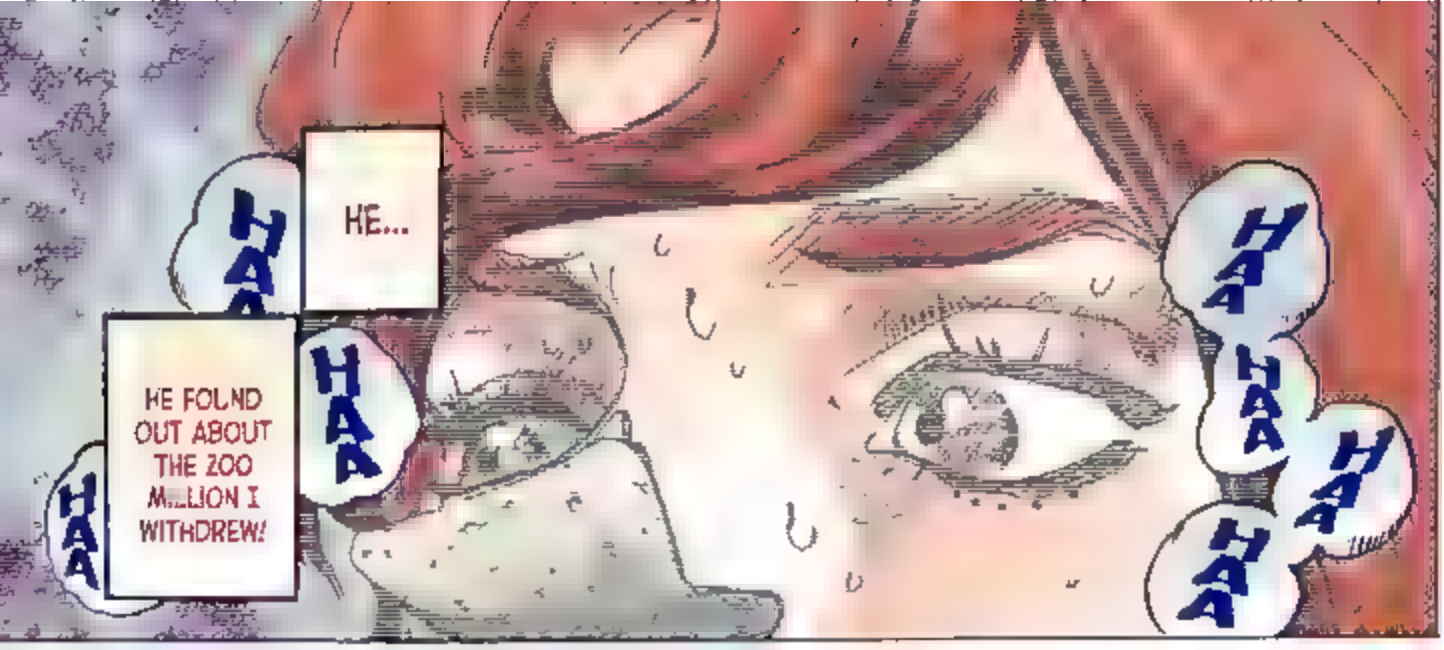
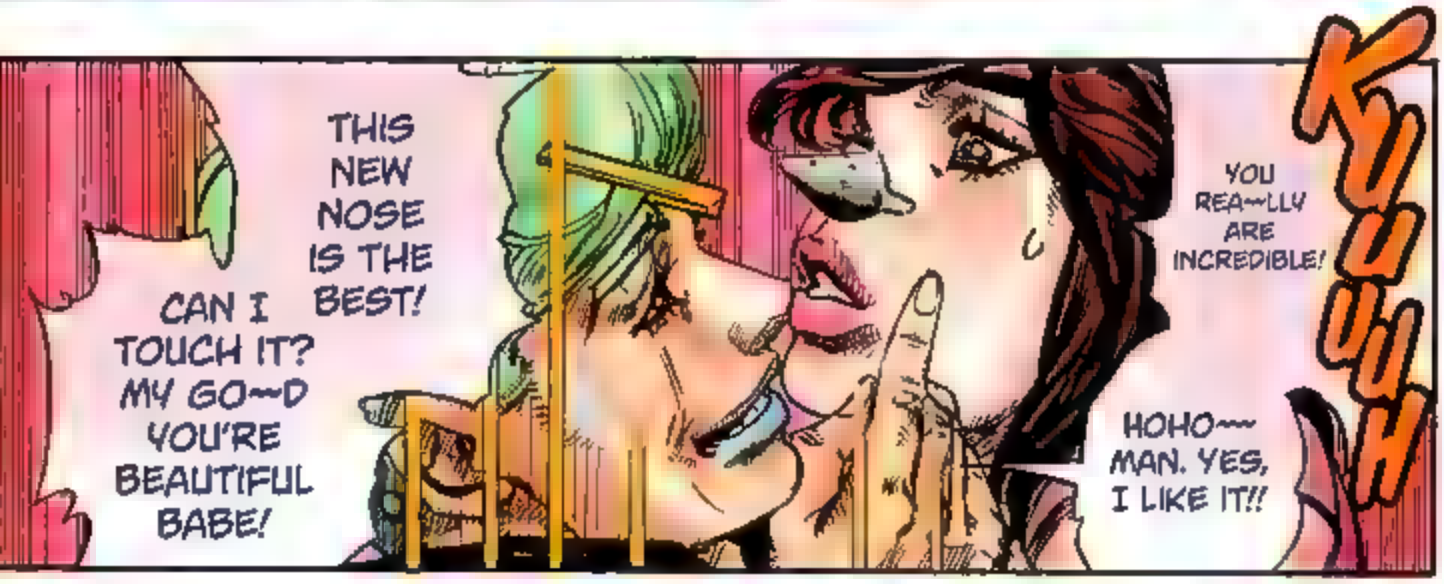

HOW MUCH DID YOU SPEND?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP PLAYING DUMB? YOU GOT PLASTIC SURGERY. DIDN'T YOU?
HUH?

THAT NOSE!


GUIIH
MITSUBA~~
DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE?
D-DEAR...?

FUH


HE...
HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ZOO M..LION I WITHDREW!
HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA


THIS NEW NOSE IS THE BEST!
CAN I TOUCH IT? MY GO~D YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL BABE!
YOU REA~LLY ARE INCREDIBLE!
HOHO~~ MAN. YES, I LIKE IT!!
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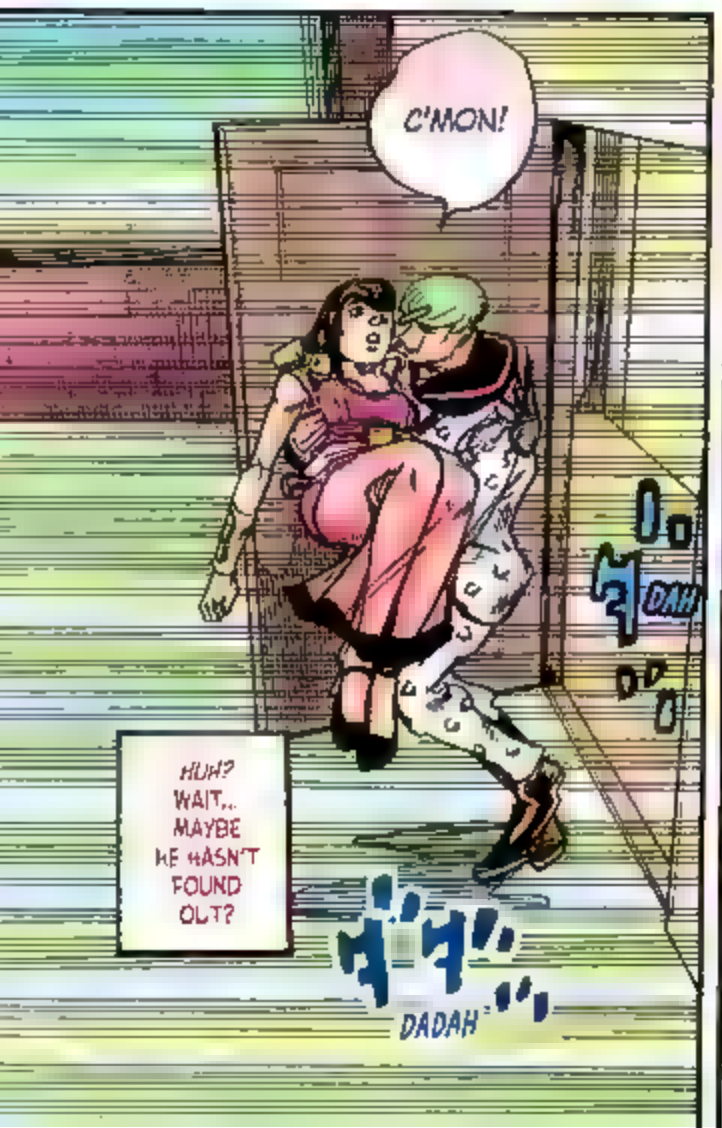
C'MON!
DAH
HUH? WAIT.. MAYBE HE HASN'T FOUND OUT?
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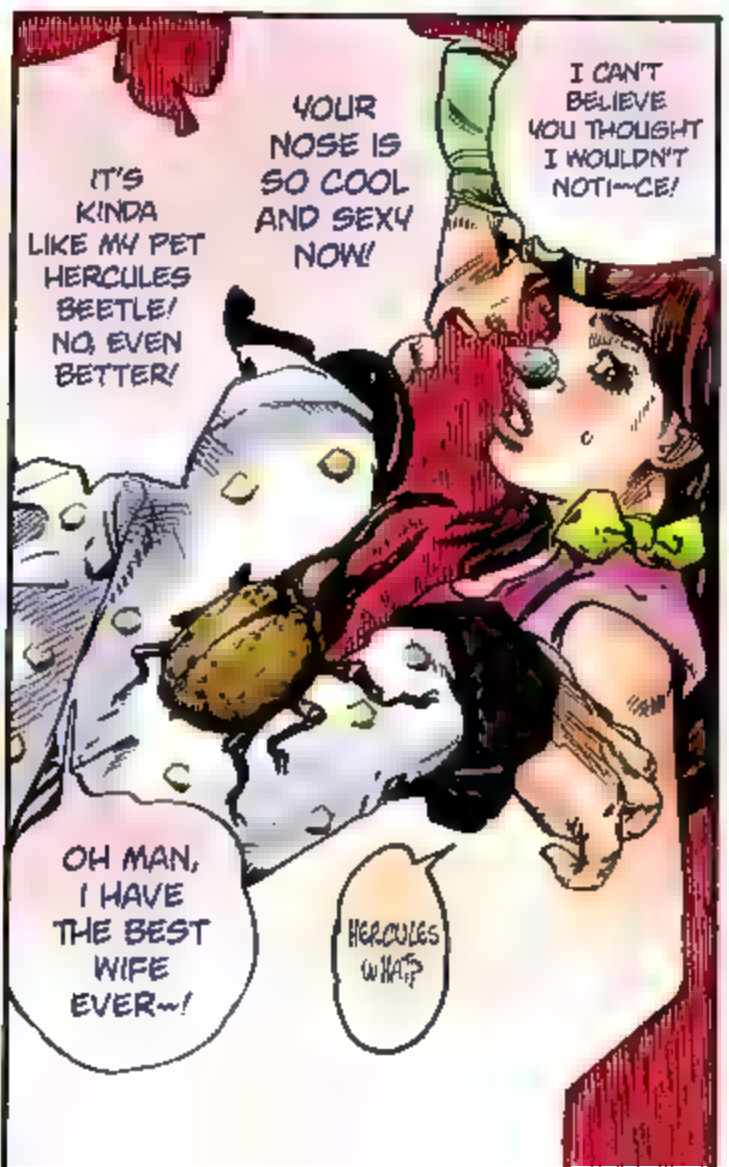
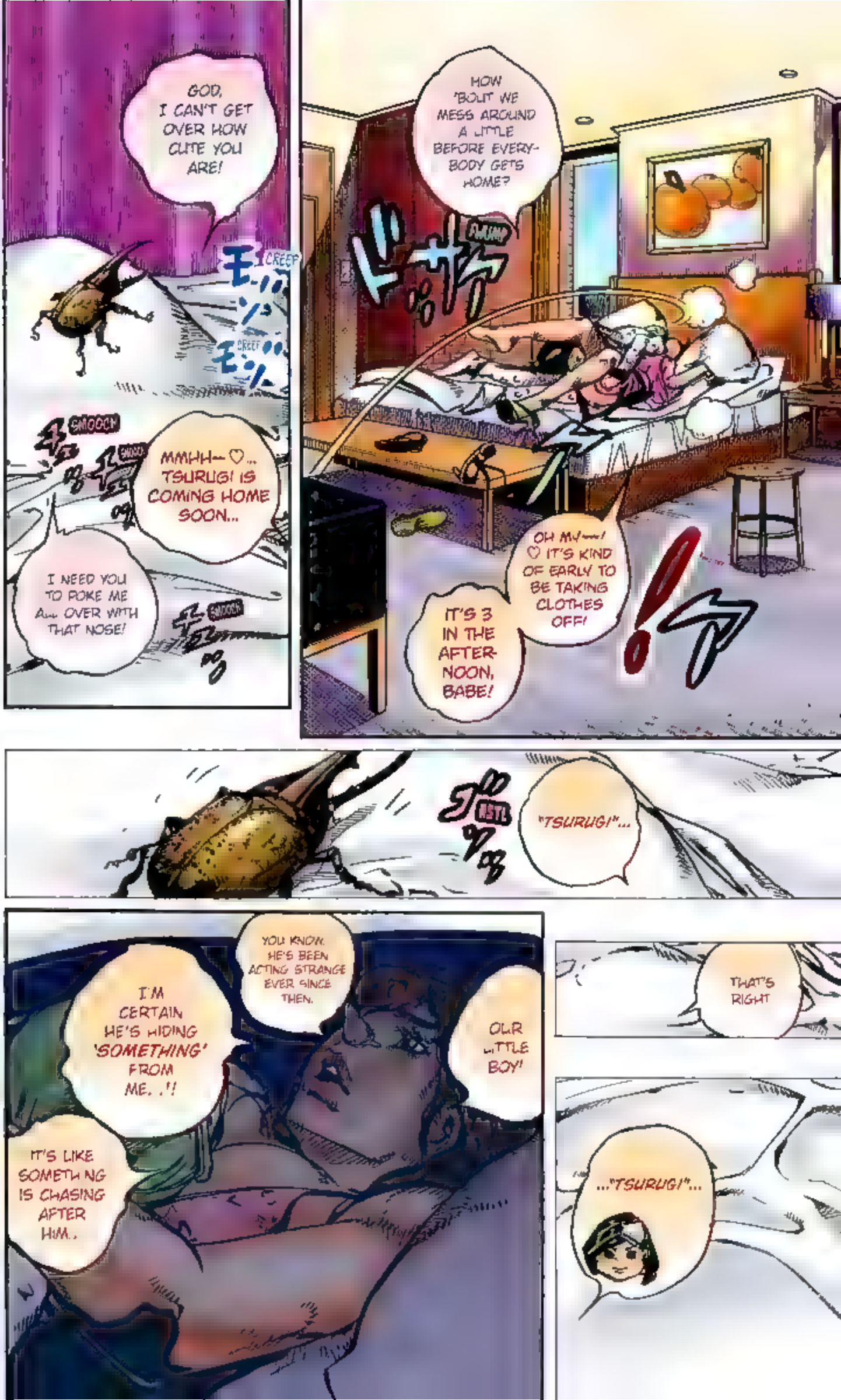

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU THOUGHT I WOULDN'T NOTI~CE!
YOUR NOSE IS SO COOL AND SEXY NOW!
IT'S KINDA LIKE MY PET HERCULES BEETLE! NO, EVEN BETTER!
OH MAN, I HAVE THE BEST WIFE EVER~!
HERCULES WHAT?


GOD, I CAN'T GET OVER HOW CUTE YOU ARE!
CREEP
CREEP
SMOOCH
SMOOCH
MMHH— ♡... TSURUGI IS COMING HOME SOON...
I NEED YOU TO POKE ME ALL OVER WITH THAT NOSE!
SMOOCH
HOW 'BOUT WE MESS AROUND A LITTLE BEFORE EVERY-BODY GETS HOME?
JUMP
OH MY— ♡ IT'S KIND OF EARLY TO BE TAKING CLOTHES OFF!
IT'S 3 IN THE AFTER-NOON, BABE!
"TSURUGI"...
YOU KNOW, HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGE EVER SINCE THEN.
I'M CERTAIN HE'S HIDING 'SOMETHING' FROM ME..!!
OUR LITTLE BOY!
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING IS CHASING AFTER HIM..
THAT'S RIGHT
..."TSURUGI"...

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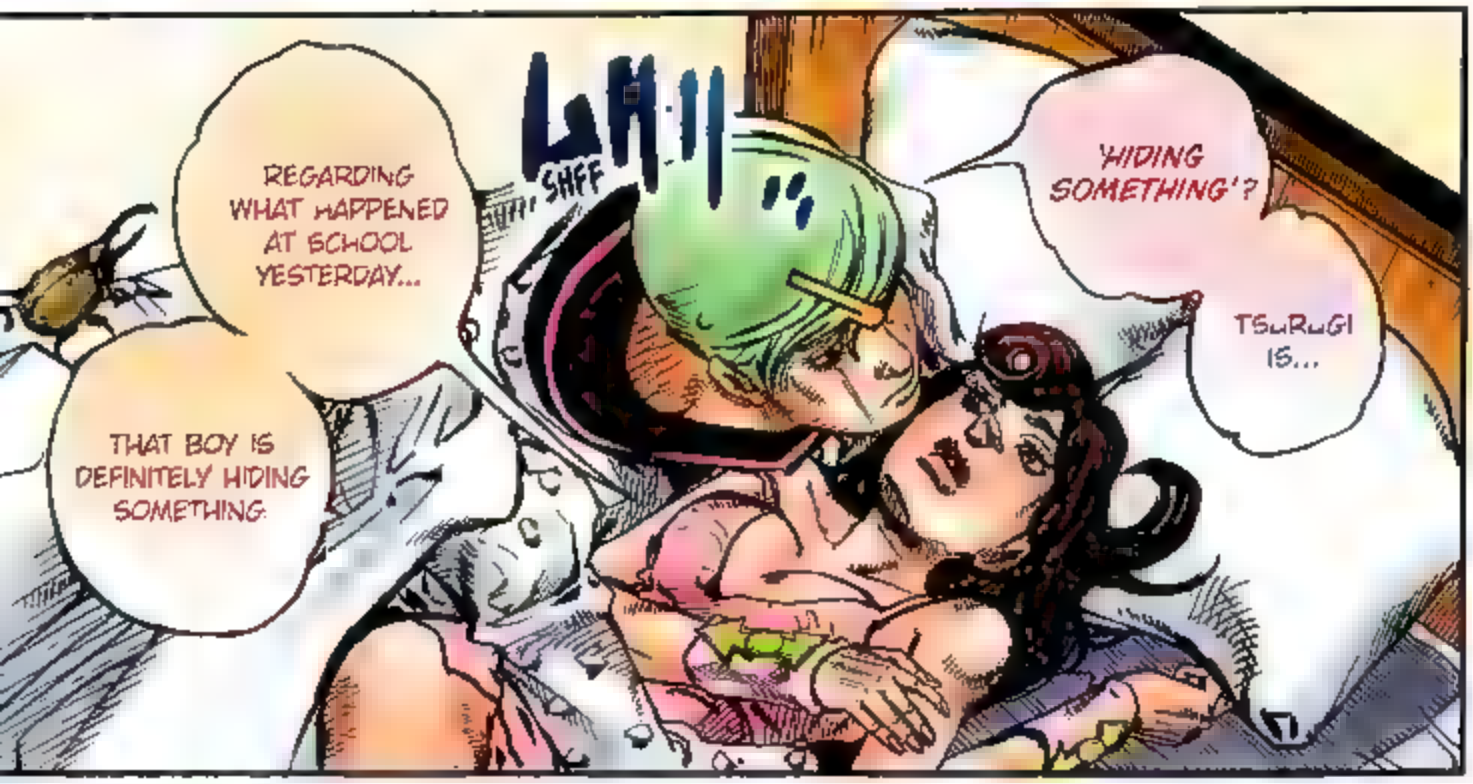
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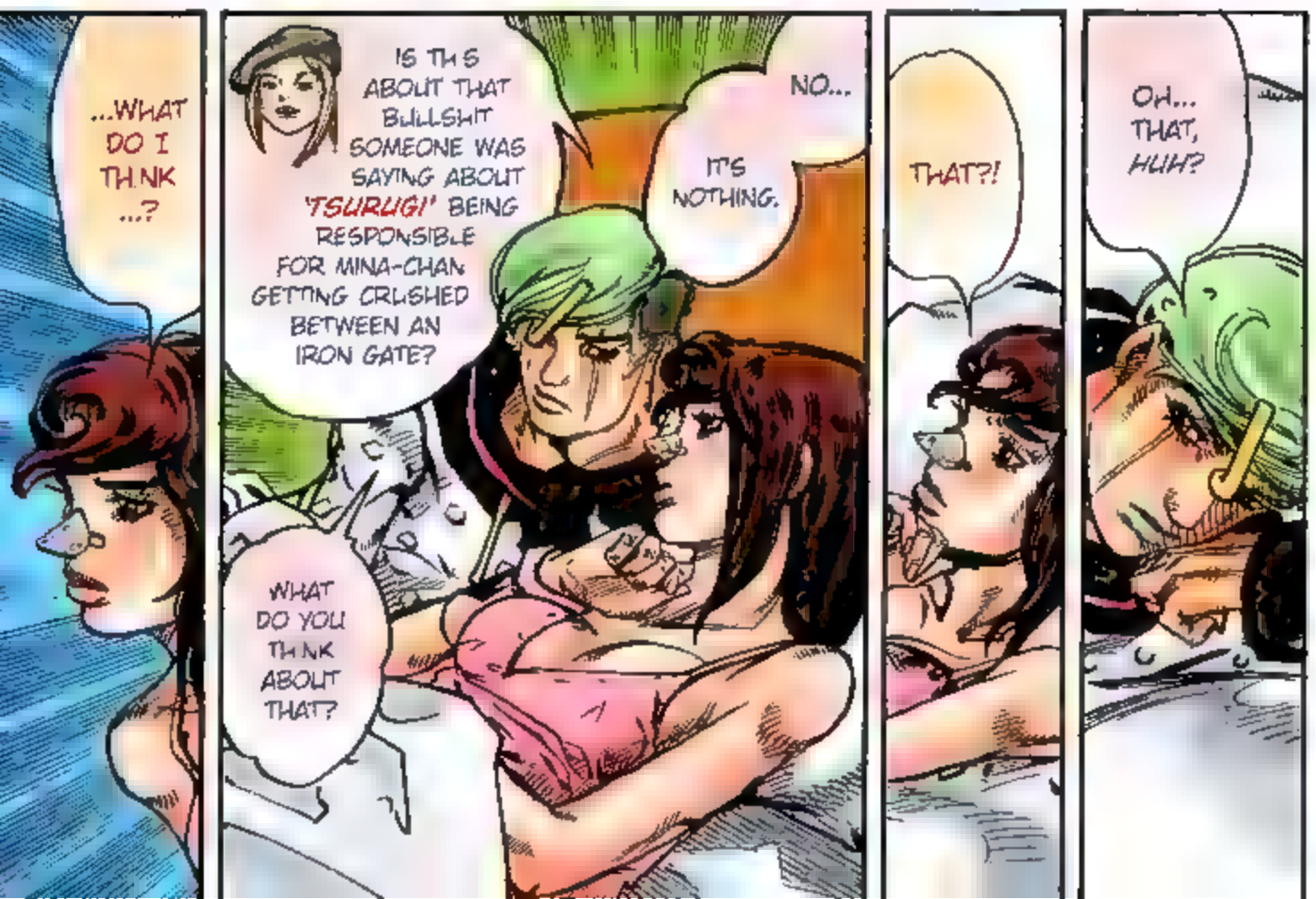
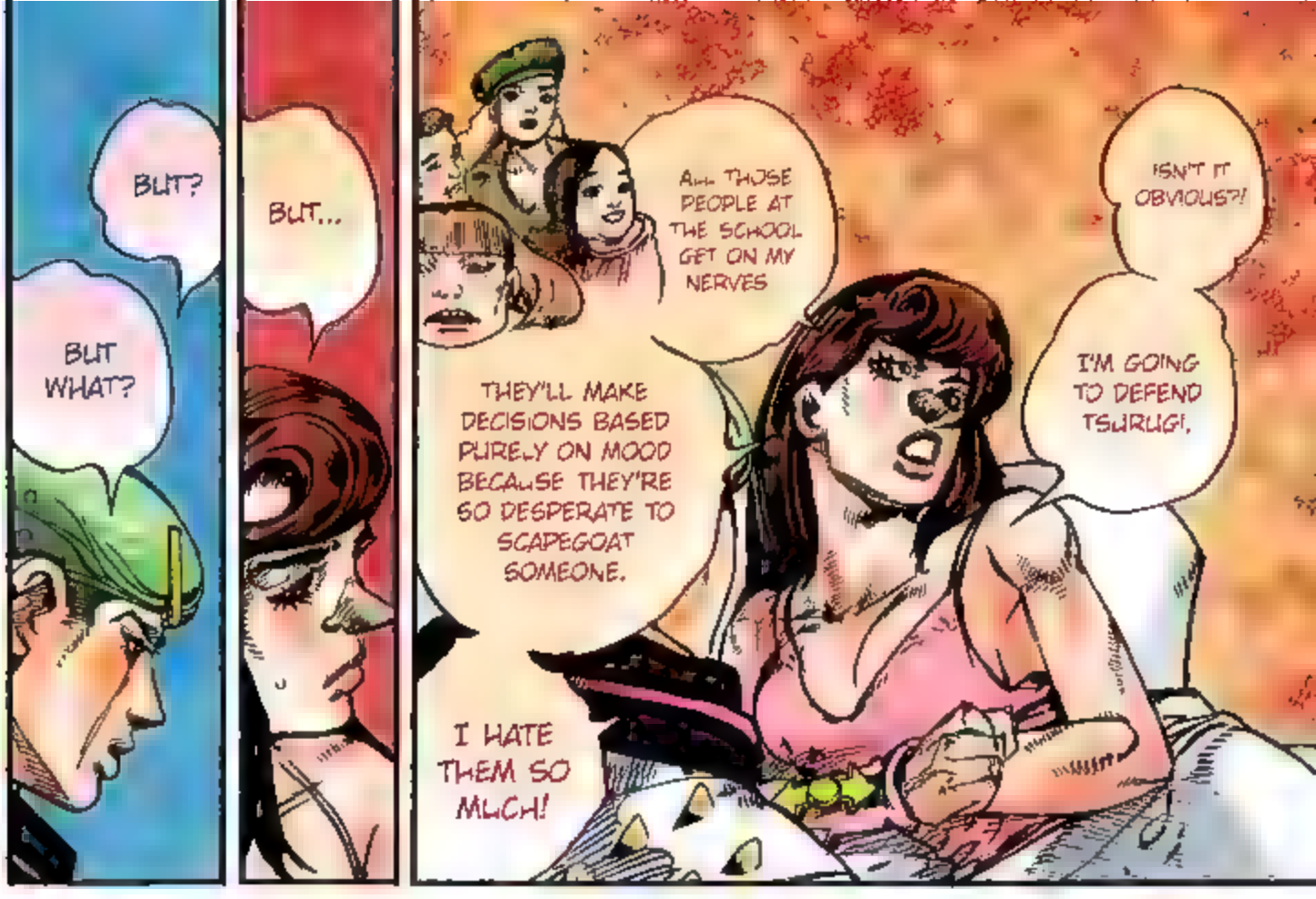
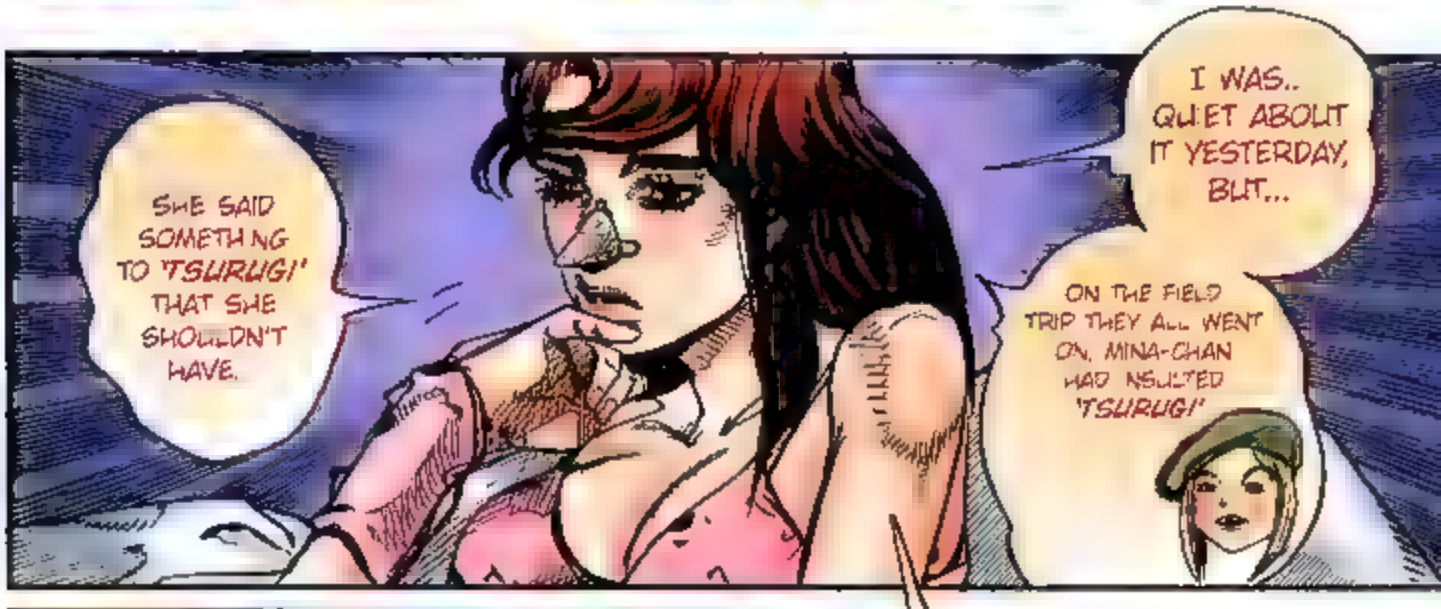
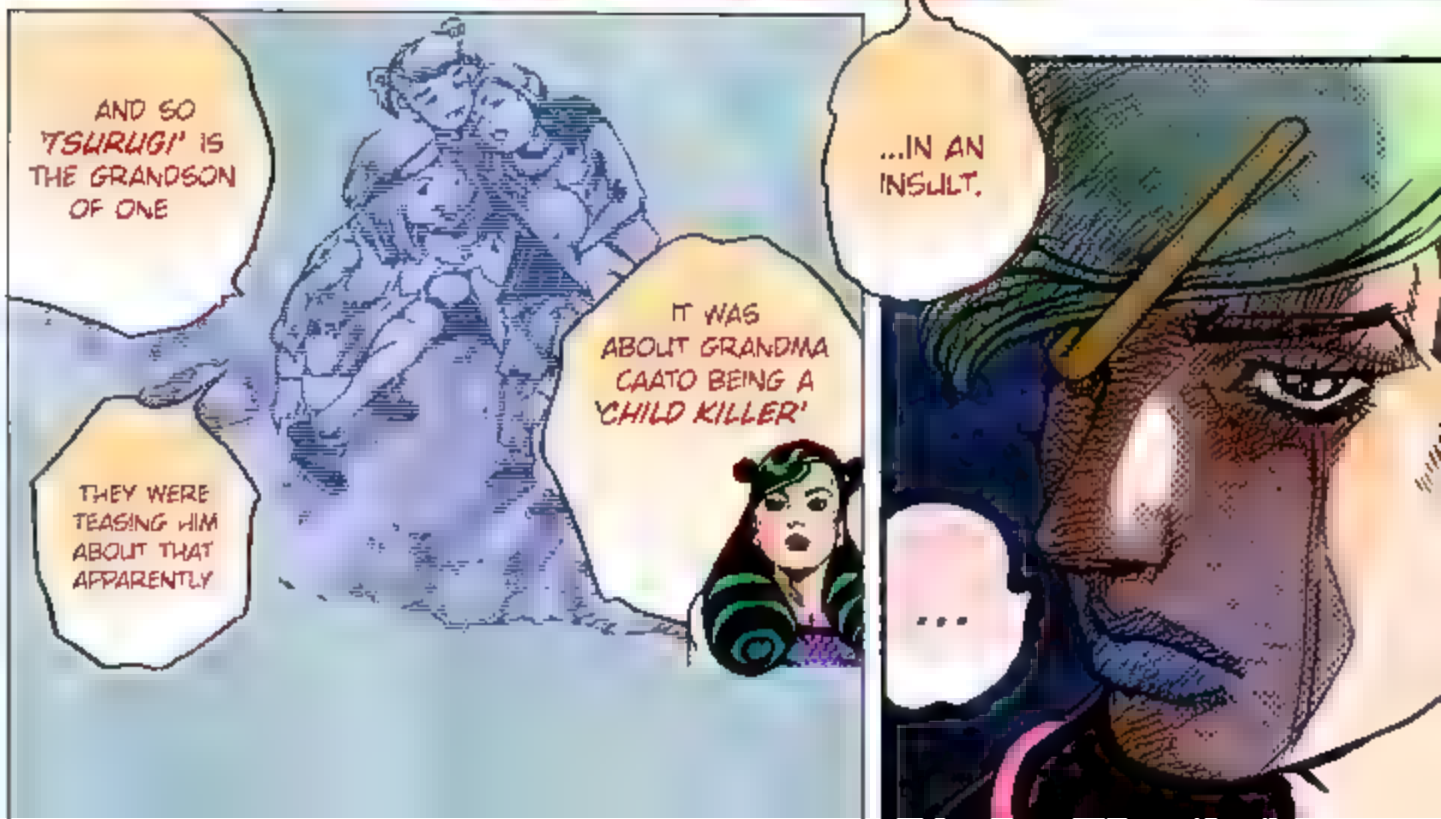
REGARDING WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL YESTERDAY...
THAT BOY IS DEFINITELY HIDING SOMETHING.
'HIDING SOMETHING'?
TSURUGI IS...


...WHAT DO I THINK ...?
IS THIS ABOUT THAT BULLSHIT SOMEONE WAS SAYING ABOUT 'TSURUGI' BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MINA-CHAN GETTING CRUSHED BETWEEN AN IRON GATE?
NO... IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?
THAT?!
OH... THAT, HUH?


BUT?
BUT WHAT?
BUT...
ALL THOSE PEOPLE AT THE SCHOOL GET ON MY NERVES
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!
I'M GOING TO DEFEND TSURUGI.
THEY'LL MAKE DECISIONS BASED PURELY ON MOOD BECAUSE THEY'RE SO DESPERATE TO SCAPEGOAT SOMEONE.
I HATE THEM SO MUCH!


SHE SAID SOMETHING TO 'TSURUGI' THAT SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE.
I WAS.. QUIET ABOUT IT YESTERDAY, BUT...
ON THE FIELD TRIP THEY ALL WENT ON, MINA-CHAN HAD INSULTED 'TSURUGI'


AND SO 'TSURUGI' IS THE GRANDSON OF ONE
THEY WERE TEASING HIM ABOUT THAT APPARENTLY
IT WAS ABOUT GRANDMA CAATO BEING A 'CHILD KILLER'
...IN AN INSULT.
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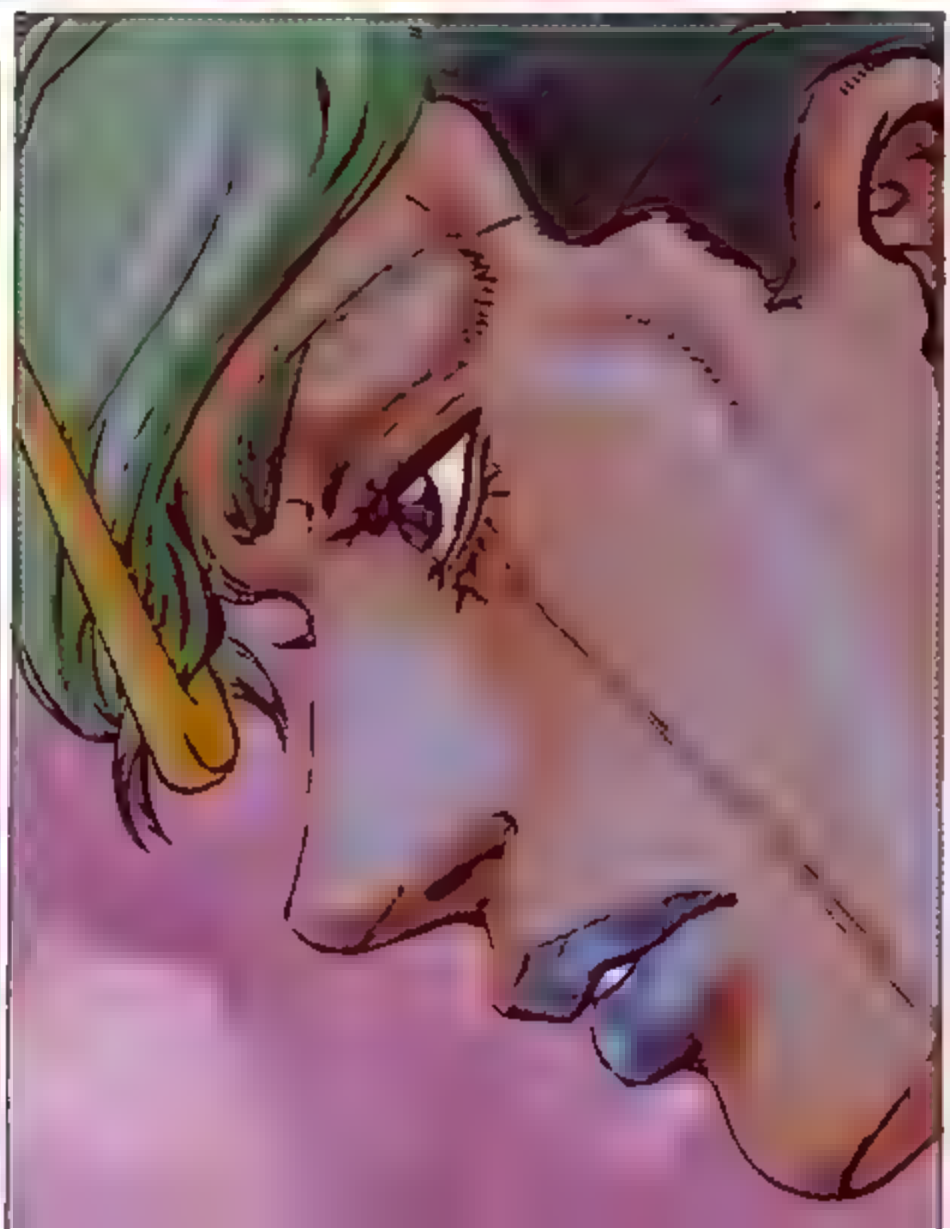
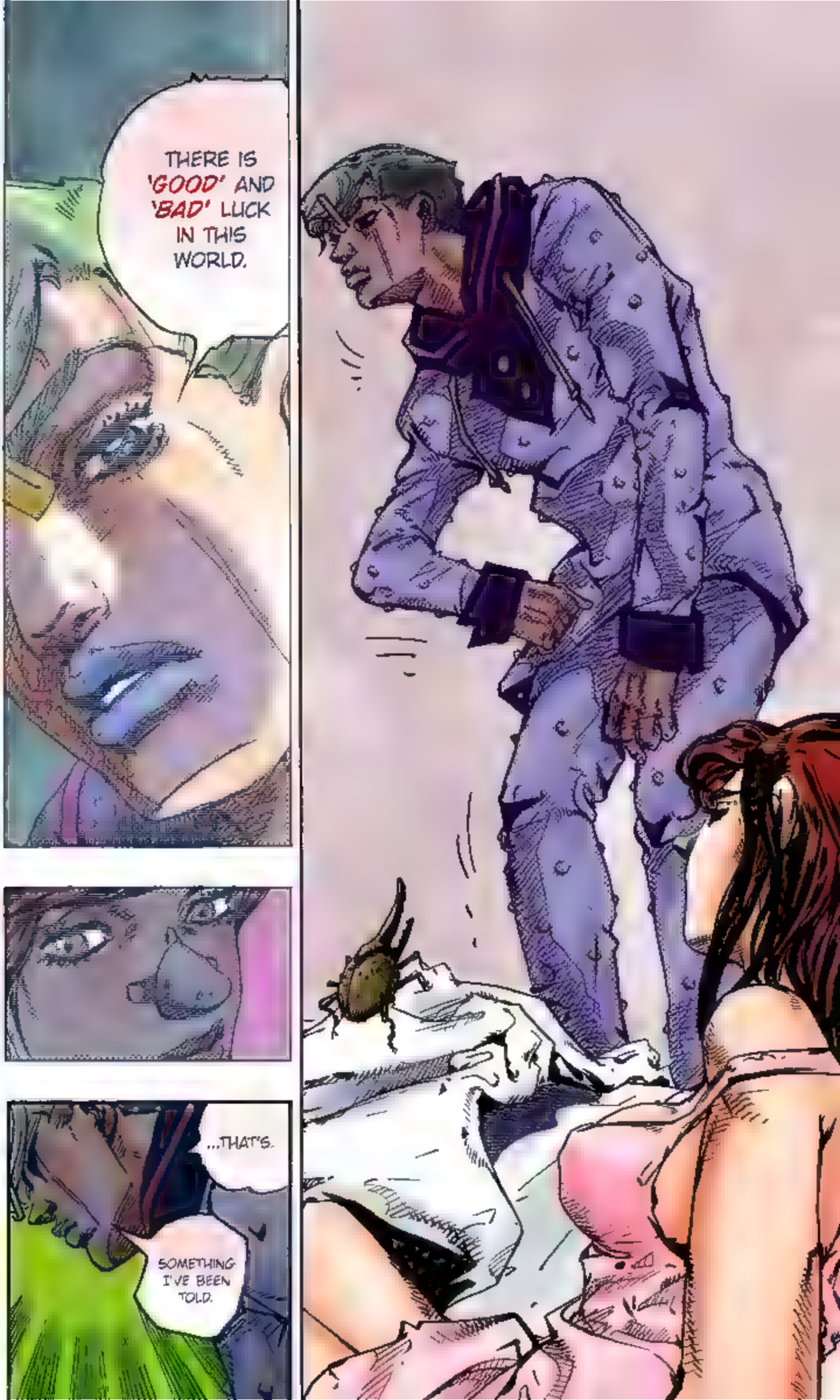
...SO TO BE HONEST... 'TSURUGI' HAD A MOTIVE.




THERE IS 'GOOD' AND 'BAD' LUCK IN THIS WORLD.
...THAT'S.
SOMETHING I'VE BEEN TOLD.

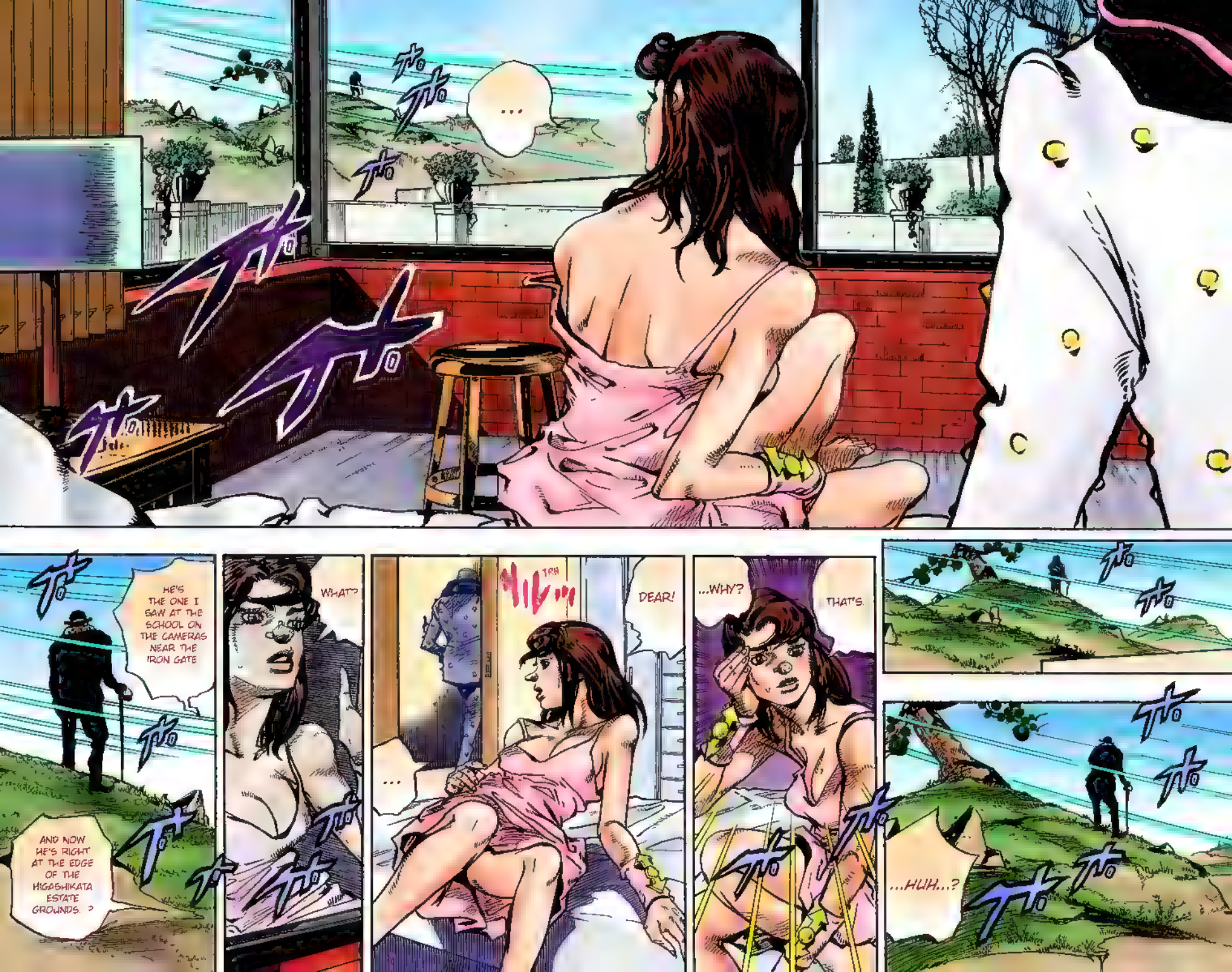
THINGS WHERE THE RESULT
IS 'GOOD' OR 'BAD'.
THERE ARE SITUATIONS WHERE IF YOU'D GOTTEN SOMEWHERE ONE SECOND SOONER, YOU MIGHT HAVE 'BEEN IN AN ACCIDENT' OR 'AVOIDED AN ACCIDENT'
OR...
YOU 'MET' OR 'DIDN'T MEET' SOMEONE IMPORTANT WHEN YOU WENT SOMEWHERE...

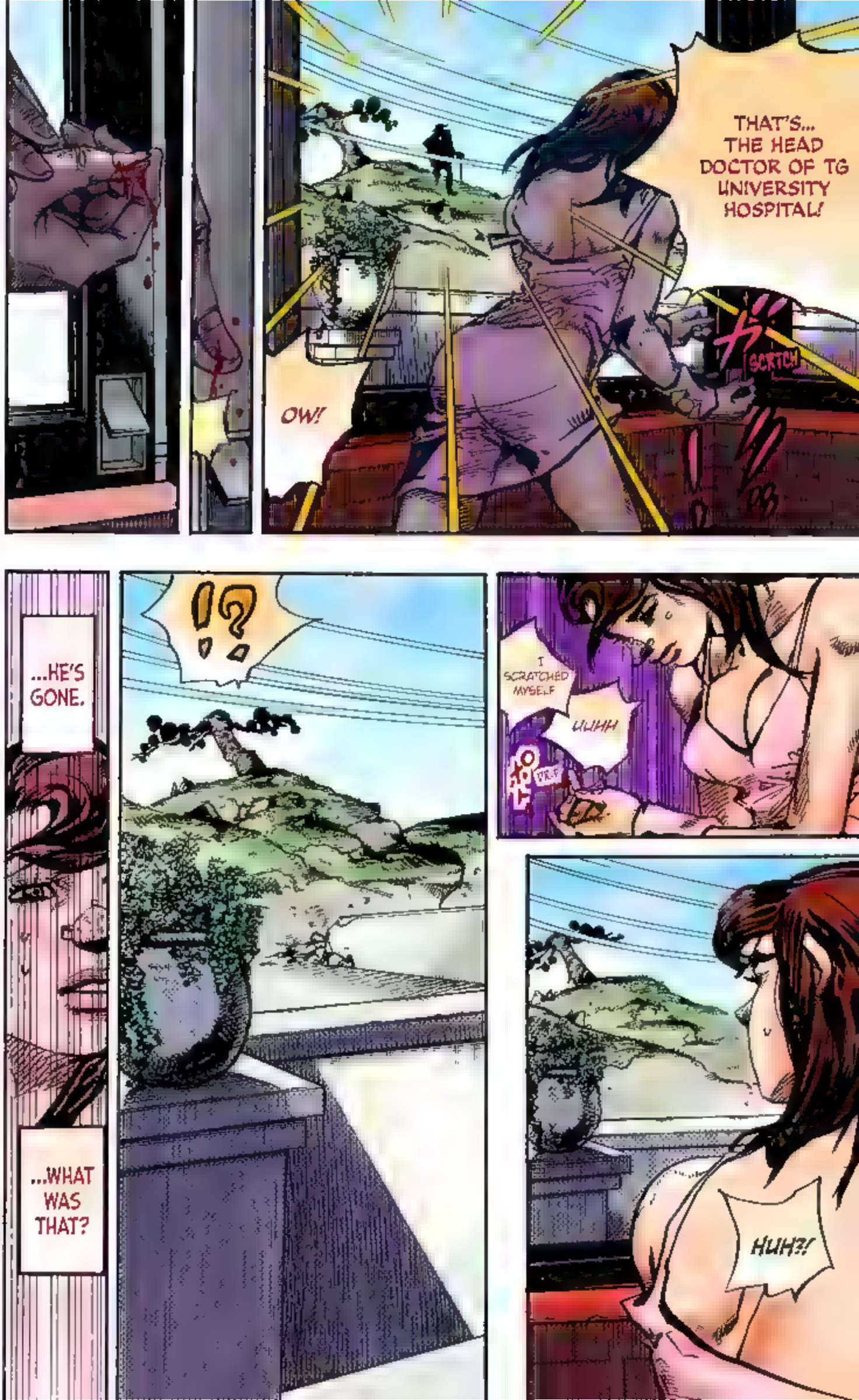
THERE ARE SITUATIONS LIKE THAT .. I'VE BEEN TOLD.
AND THE CAUSE IS 'GOOD' OR 'EVIL'.

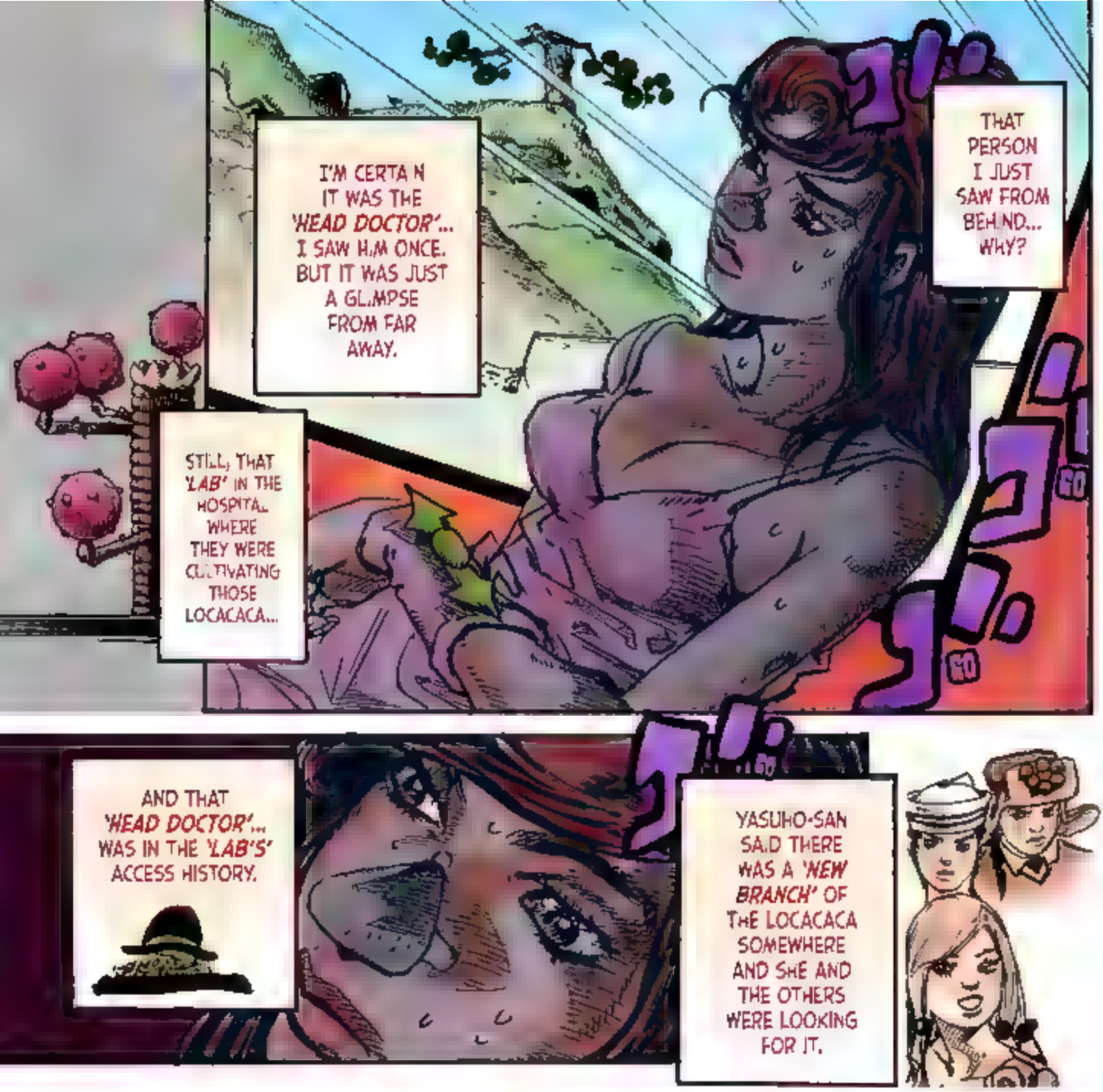
ONCE YOU CLEAR AWAY EVERYTHING EXTRANEOUS AND VIEW EACH INDIVIDUAL IN INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS...
BUT THAT IS A MISAPPRE-HENSION.
WHAT WE FIND EXISTING AROUND US IS...
A SOCIETAL 'MISUNDER-STANDING' CAUSED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE LIVING TOGETHER

THERE EXIST SIMPLY THE STRONG THAT 'SURVIVE' AND THE WEAK WHICH ARE 'DESTROYED'
THOSE TWO, AND NOTHING MORE
GOOD AND BAD LUCK, GOOD AND EVIL, LEGAL AND ILLEGAL... YOU CAN FORGET ALL THAT
SIMPLY... 'STRENGTH' AND 'WEAKNESS'.
...
?
WHETHER THE CLIMATE OR THE ERA WE'RE IN CHANGES...
BECOMING 'EVEN STRONGER' ?
AS THE ELDEST SON OF THE HIGASHIKATA FAMILY, HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT IT MEANS TO 'BECOME STRONG'.
AND YOU SEE... 'TSURUGI' UNDERSTANDS THAT.
AND 'NOW' THE HIGASHIKATA FAMILY IS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING EVEN 'STRONGER'

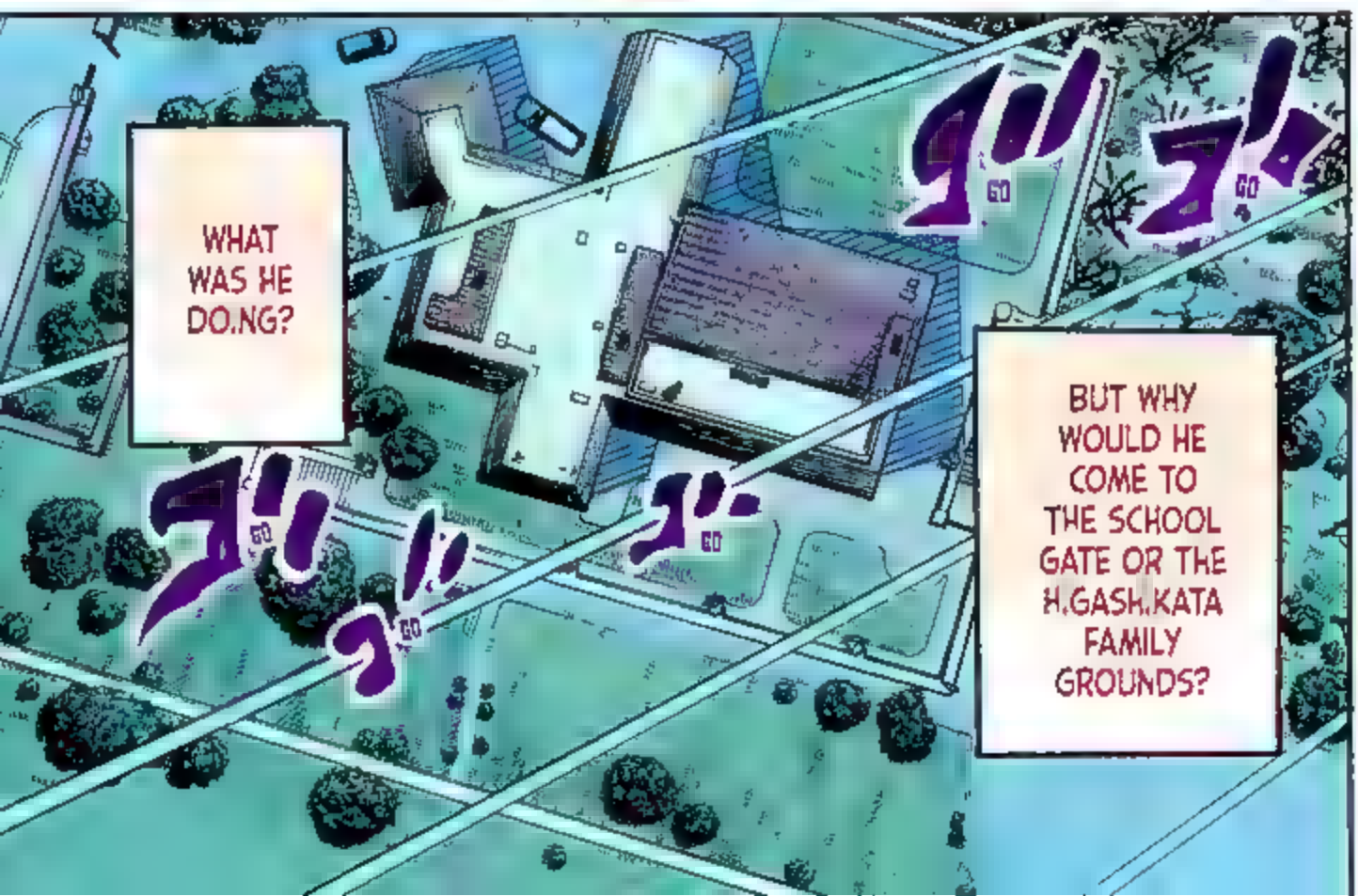
WE ARE WITHOUT MERCY.
BECAUSE WE ALWAYS GET OUR HANDS ON 'STRENGTH'
WHATEVER CRUEL ENEMY HAS SET FOOT ON THE HIGASHIKATA FAMILY'S LAND..
AND LAWS OF SOCIETY CHANGE...
..OR HOW THE RULES...
DOESN'T HAVE TIME?
TSURUGI DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO DEVELOP ANY MOTIVE...
FROM BEING TEASED OR INSULTED.
I CAN TELL.
SO REST ASSURED. BECAUSE OF THE 'STRENGTH' HE HAS, 'TSURUGI' WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE CRUSH MINA-CHAN BETWEEN THOSE IRON GATES
TSURUGI UNDERSTANDS THAT


...
HE'S THE ONE I SAW AT THE SCHOOL ON THE CAMERAS NEAR THE IRON GATE
AND NOW HE'S RIGHT AT THE EDGE OF THE HIGASHIKATA ESTATE GROUNDS. ?
WHAT?
RIN
DEAR!
...
...WHY?
THAT'S
...HUH...?


THAT'S... THE HEAD DOCTOR OF TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL!
SCRTCH
OW!
...HE'S GONE.
...WHAT WAS THAT?
!?
I SCRATCHED MYSELF
UUHH
HUH?!


I'M CERTAIN IT WAS THE 'HEAD DOCTOR'... I SAW HIM ONCE. BUT IT WAS JUST A GLIMPSE FROM FAR AWAY.
THAT PERSON I JUST SAW FROM BEHIND... WHY?
STILL, THAT 'LAB' IN THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY WERE CULTIVATING THOSE LOCACACA...
GO
GO
GO

AND THAT 'HEAD DOCTOR'... WAS IN THE 'LAB'S' ACCESS HISTORY.
YASUHO-SAN SAID THERE WAS A 'NEW BRANCH' OF THE LOCACACA SOMEWHERE AND SHE AND THE OTHERS WERE LOOKING FOR IT.
GO


WHAT WAS HE DOING?
BUT WHY WOULD HE COME TO THE SCHOOL GATE OR THE HAGASHIKATA FAMILY GROUNDS?
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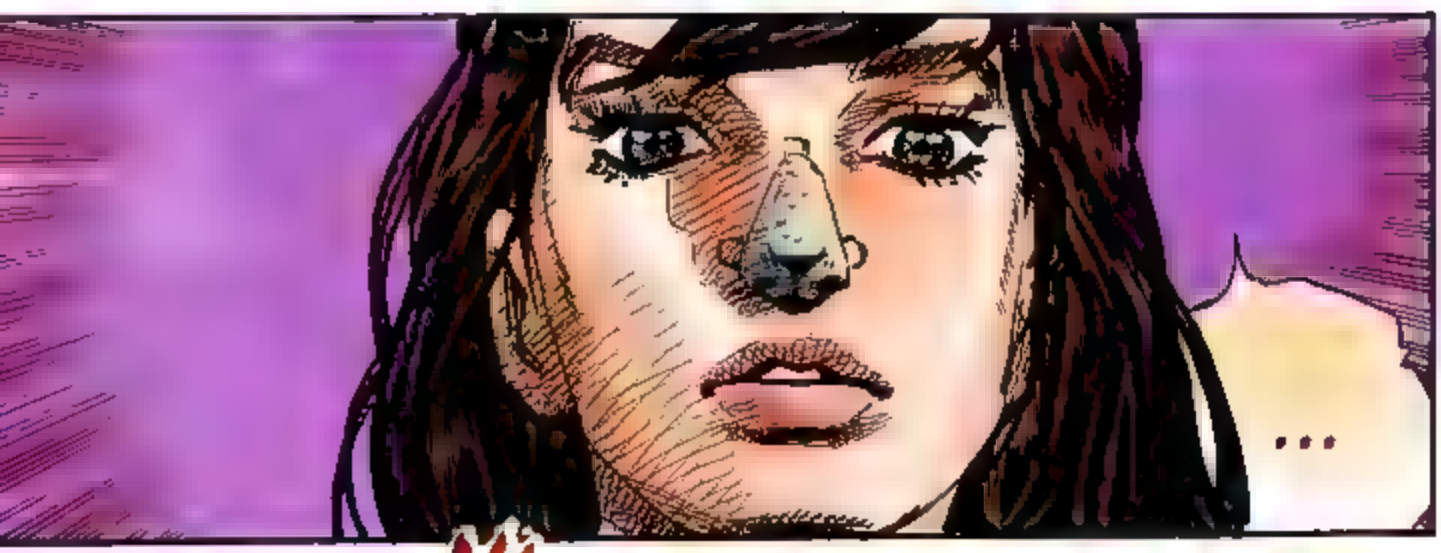
GO
GO
GO
GO

I SCRATCHED MY FINGER ON THE WINDOW FRAME
DO WE HAVE ANY BAND-AIDS?
HEY, DEAR...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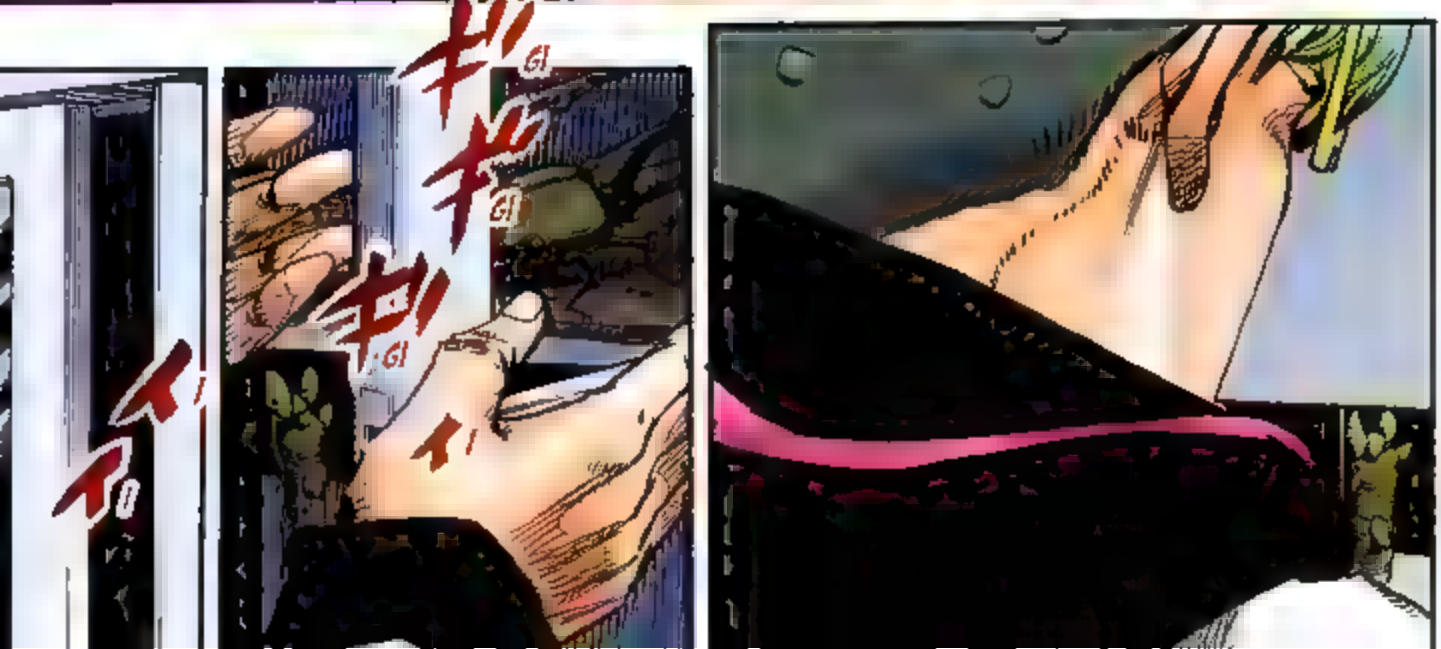
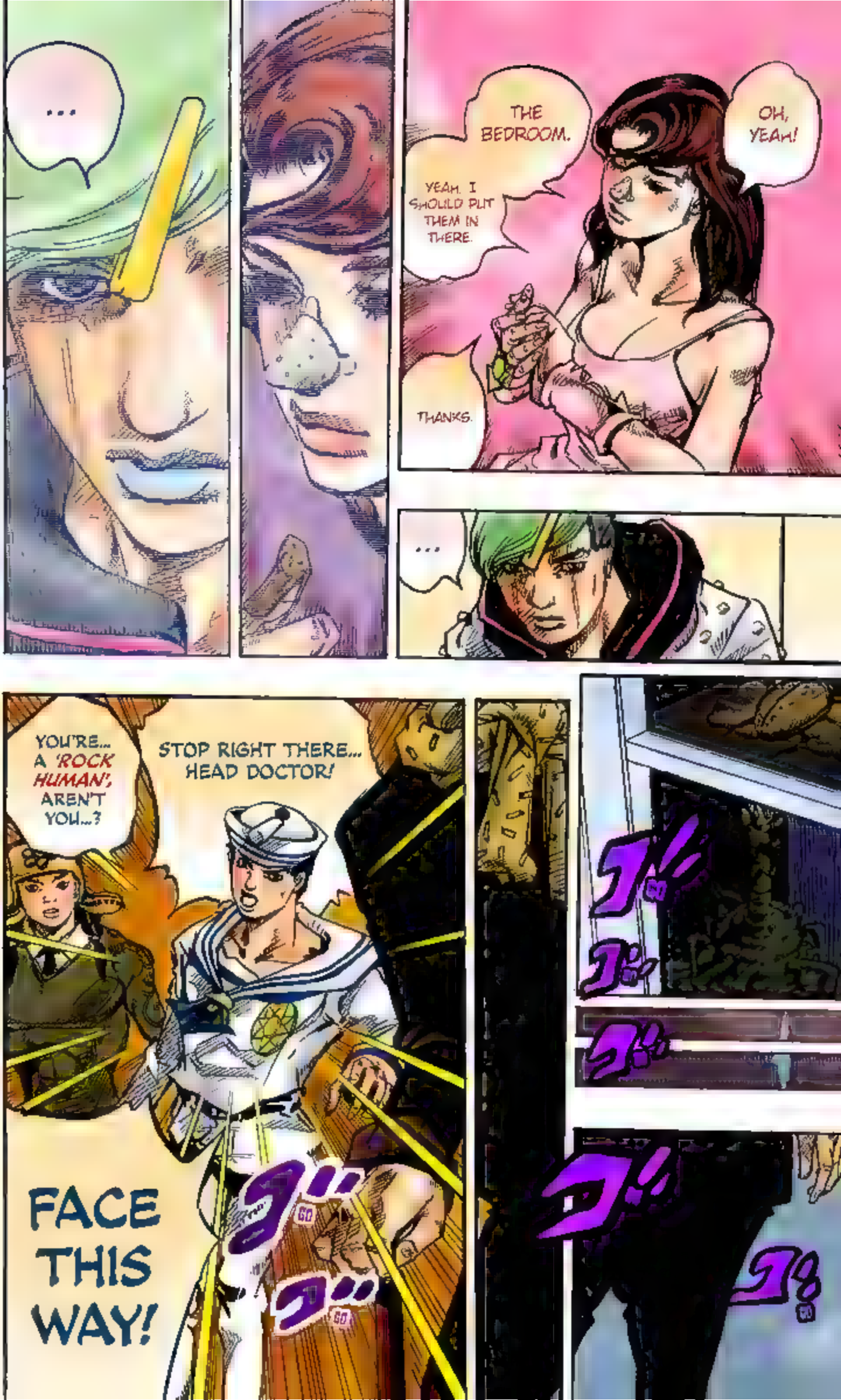
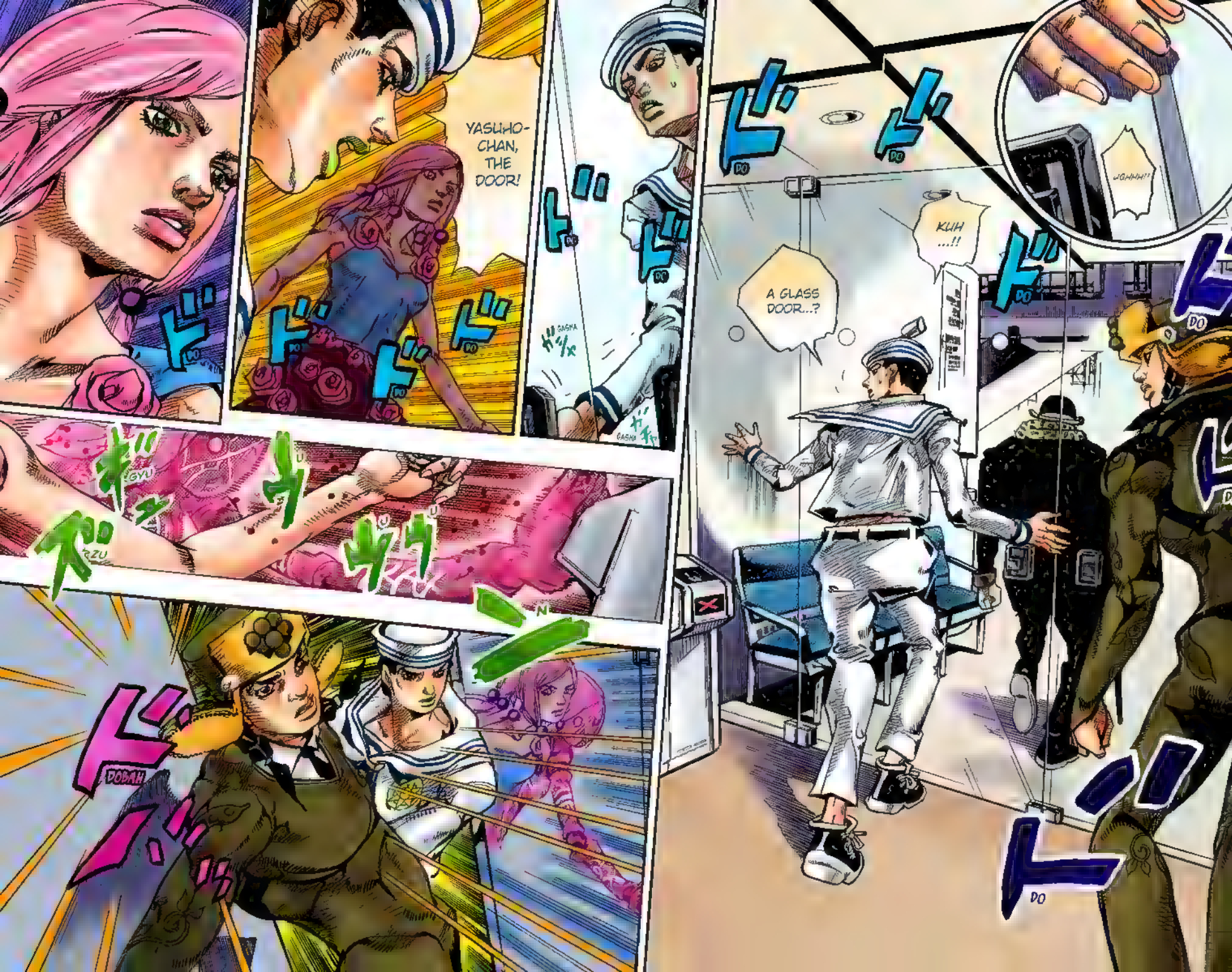

Hi
Hi
Hi

WE COULD USE SOME MORE FOR THE BEDROOM. HERE, TAKE THE BOX.
BAND-AID...?
OKAY.
SURE.
...
...
TATAM


...
THE BEDROOM.
OH, YEAH!
YEAH. I SHOULD PUT THEM IN THERE.
THANKS.
...
YOU'RE... A 'ROCK HUMAN', AREN'T YOU...?
STOP RIGHT THERE... HEAD DOCTOR!
FACE THIS WAY!
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO
GO

DAH!
SATORU AKEFU! LOOK AT ME!
GUH
GASHIIIN


YASUHO-CHAN, THE DOOR!
GASHA
GASHA
GYU
ZU
DOBAH!
A GLASS DOOR...?
KUH ...!!
JGWHH!!
DO

WEEL
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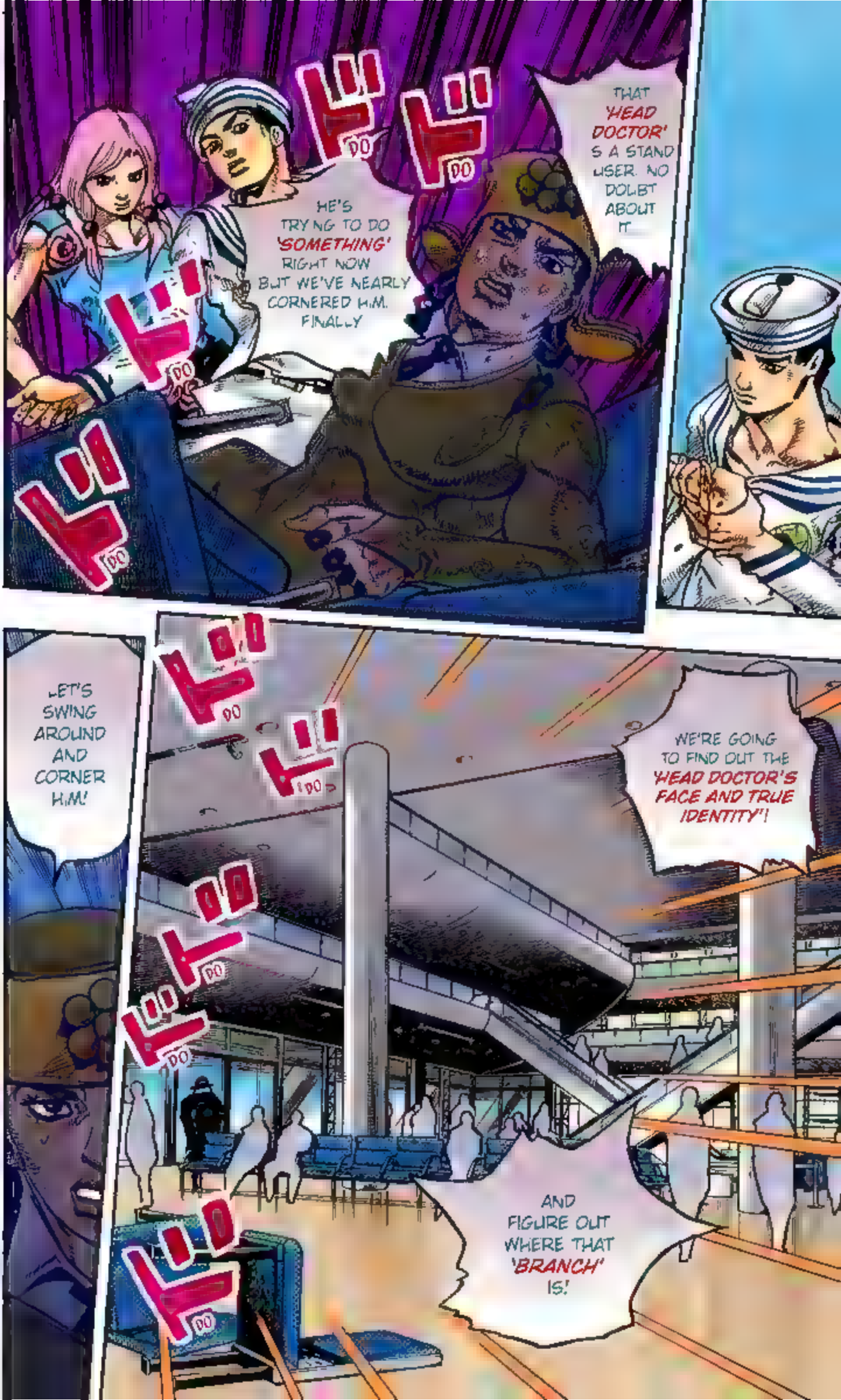
WEEL
GOHSHAAAH
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
GUH!
UUUH

WHO 'WL TOMOKI' "URBAN GUERRILLA" AND "POOR TOM"
THAT HEAD DOCTOR S THE MASTER-MIND.
BUT YOU CAN BET TH'S TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S HEAD DOCTOR IS THE ONE DIRECTING THE DARK SIDE OF THIS HOSPITAL.
DAMMIT, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
ONE MINUTE WE'RE ABOUT TO 'AMBUSH' HIM, AND THE NEXT HE'S 'RUNNING AWAY' FROM US AGAIN.
THOSE 'THREE' ROCK HUMANS, WERE BEING MANAGED BY
THAT INCLUDES BEING THE SOLE CULTIVATORS OF LOCA-LACA FRUIT
AND MAYBE EVEN 'TAMAKI DAMO' AND 'YOTSUYU' WERE SUBORDINATES WHO WERE PART OF HIS ORGANIZATION.
DO
DRIP
MM
HE'S HEADING FOR THE COURTYARD ESCALATOR... LET'S GO!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DO
HE'S TRYNG TO DO 'SOMETHING' RIGHT NOW BUT WE'VE NEARLY CORNERED H.M. FINALLY
THAT 'HEAD DOCTOR' S A STAND USER. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
LET'S SWING AROUND AND CORNER H.M!
WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THE 'HEAD DOCTOR'S FACE AND TRUE IDENTITY'!
AND FIGURE OUT WHERE THAT 'BRANCH' IS!

JOSUKE, YASUHO, YOU TAKE THE RIGHT AROUND THE ESCALATOR AND WE'LL BLOCK HIM FROM BOTH SIDES!
I'LL TAKE THE LEFT SIDE THROUGH THE LOBBY!
ICU
DO
DO
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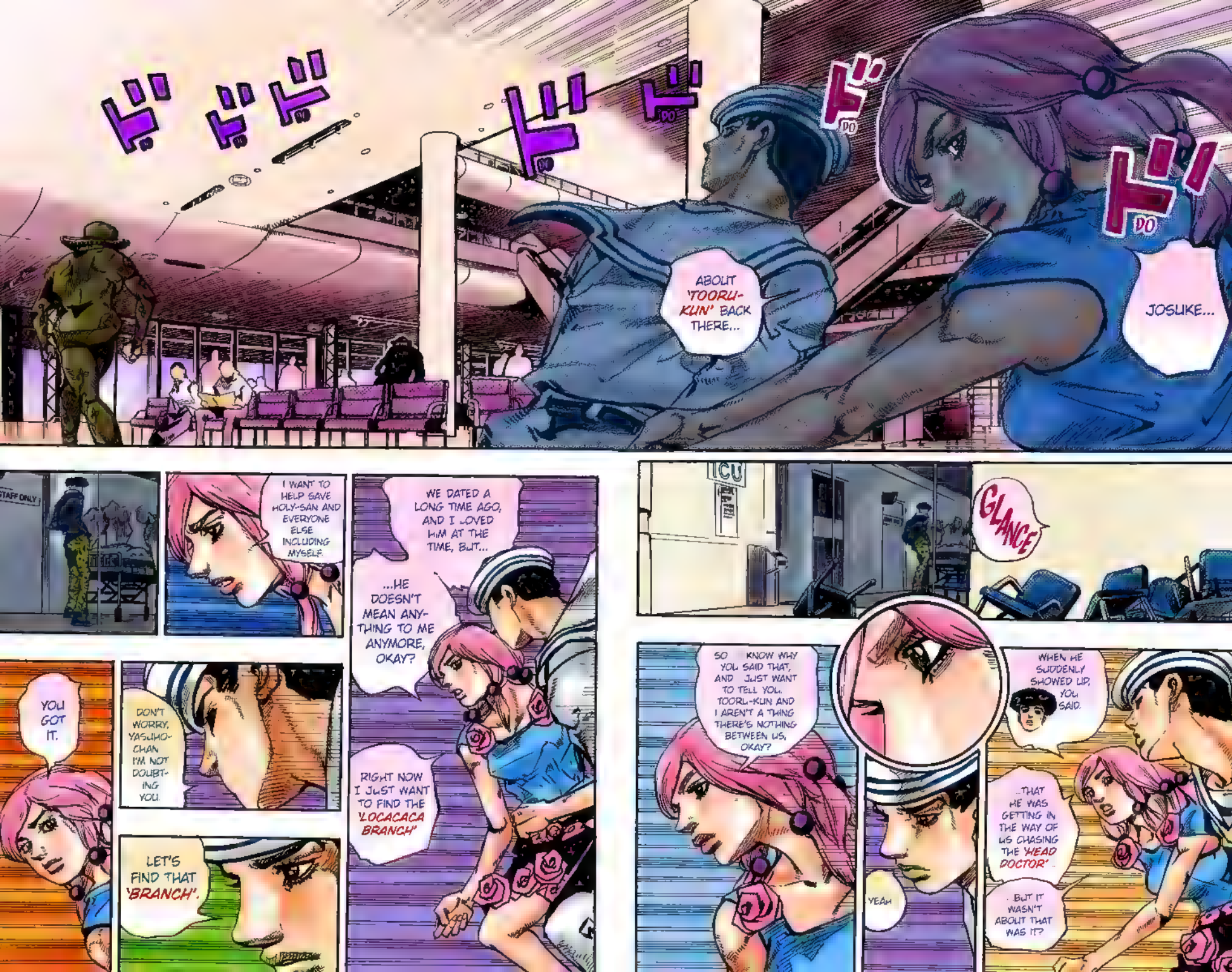
DO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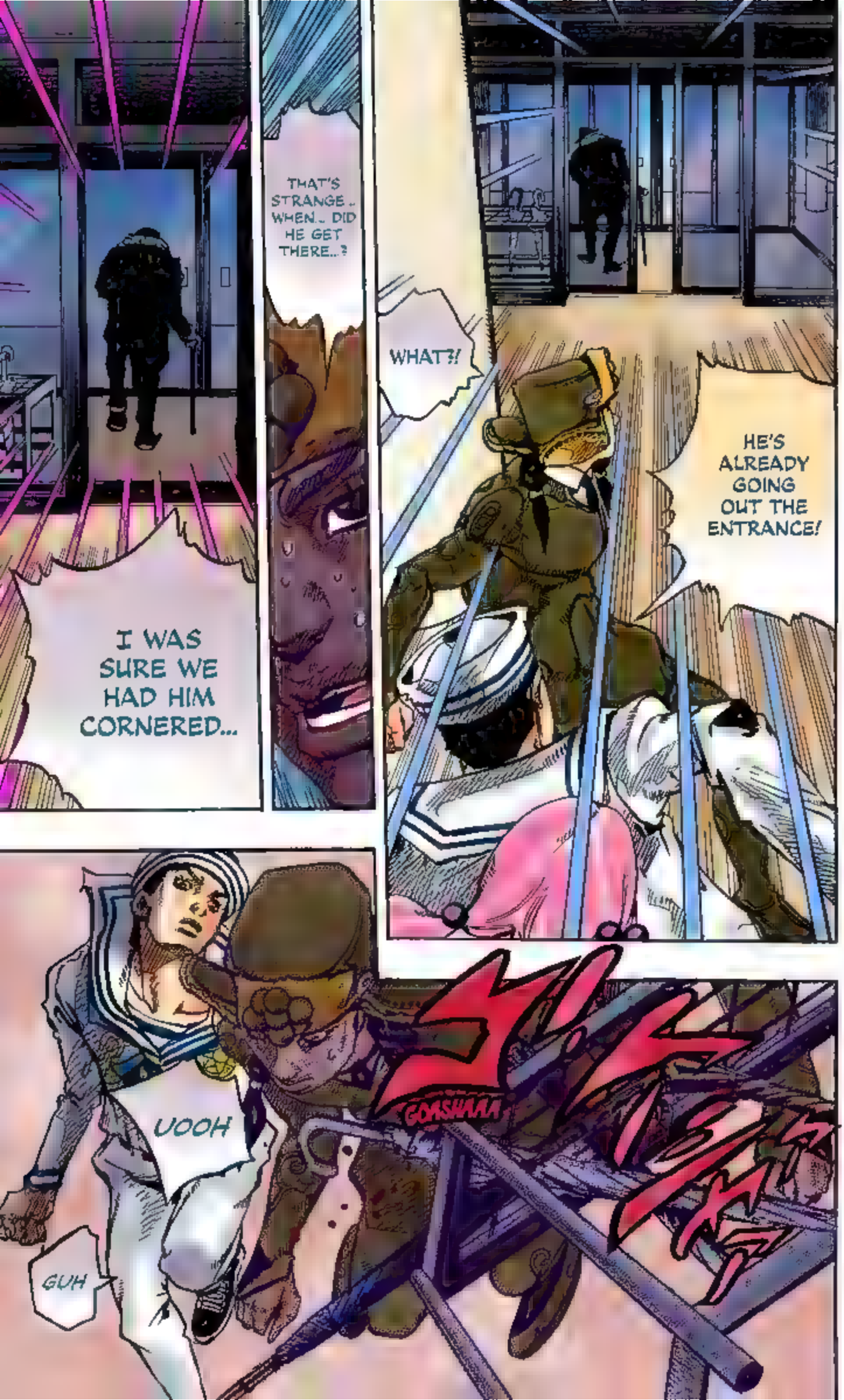
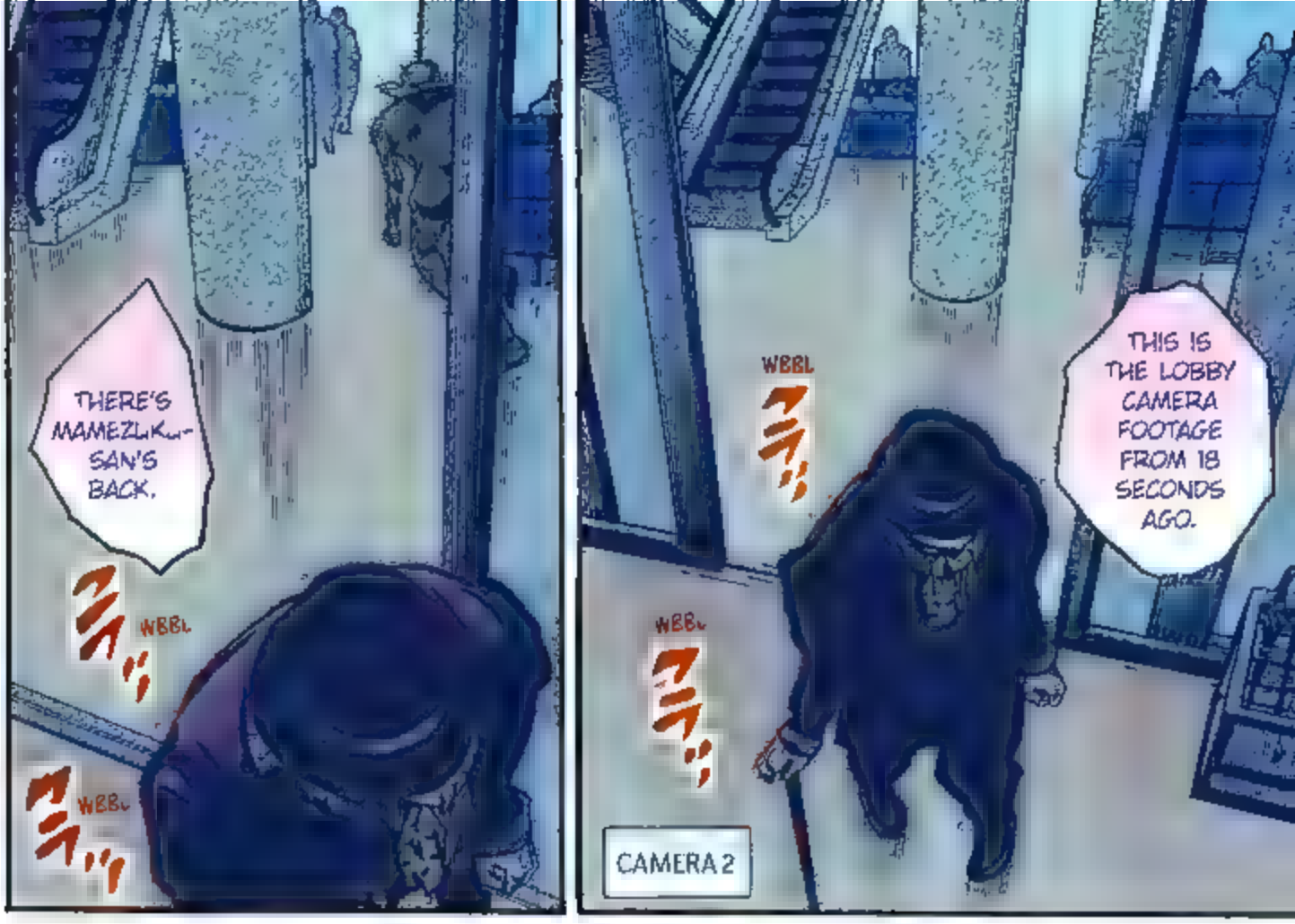
ABOUT 'TOORU-KUN' BACK THERE...
JOSUKE...
STAFF ONLY
I WANT TO HELP SAVE HOLY-SAN AND EVERYONE ELSE INCLUDING MYSELF.
WE DATED A LONG TIME AGO, AND I LOVED HIM AT THE TIME, BUT...
...HE DOESN'T MEAN ANY-THING TO ME ANYMORE, OKAY?
RIGHT NOW I JUST WANT TO FIND THE 'LOCACACA BRANCH'
YOU GOT IT.
DON'T WORRY, YASUHO-CHAN I'M NOT DOUBT-ING YOU.
LET'S FIND THAT 'BRANCH'.
ICU
GLANCE
SO... I KNOW WHY YOU SAID THAT, AND JUST WANT TO TELL YOU. TOORU-KUN AND I AREN'T A THING THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US, OKAY?
YEAH
WHEN HE SUDDENLY SHOWED UP, YOU SAID...
...THAT HE WAS GETTING IN THE WAY OF US CHASING THE 'HEAD DOCTOR'.
...BUT IT WASN'T ABOUT THAT WAS IT?

HUH?!!
MAKEZUKU-SAN, THE OTHER WAY! BEHIND YOU!
JOSUKE?


I WAS SURE WE HAD HIM CORNERED...
THAT'S STRANGE.. WHEN.. DID HE GET THERE..?
WHAT?!
HE'S ALREADY GOING OUT THE ENTRANCE!
GUH
UOOH
GOASHAAA

I'LL INFILTRATE THE VIDEO DATA AND TAKE A LOOK.
UP HERE AND IN THE PART OF THE LOBBY THAT LEADS HERE.
THERE'RE CAMERAS POINTED AT THE ENTRANCE
DAMMIT HERE WE GO AGAIN. WHICH WAY?
WHICH WAY DID HE GO?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
SHIT.
UOH...
IS HE REALLY DEAD?
I DIDN'T NOTICE HIM HEADING FOR THE ENTRANCE DOOR AT ALL..
GARA
GARA
CAMERA 1
JO-SUKE,
TAKE A LOOK AT MY PHONE!
BUOHN
BASHNU


THERE'S MAMEZUKU-SAN'S BACK.
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THIS IS THE LOBBY CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM 18 SECONDS AGO.
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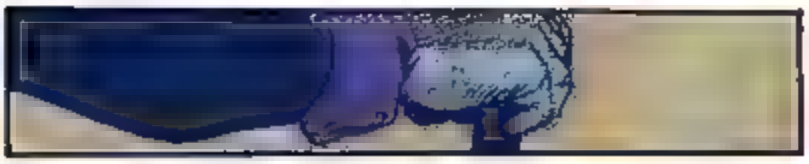
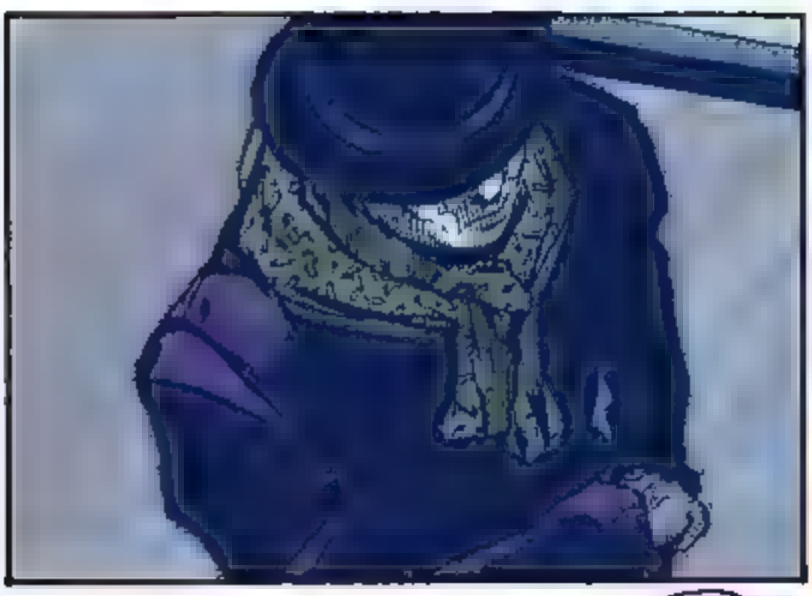
WBBL
CAMERA 2

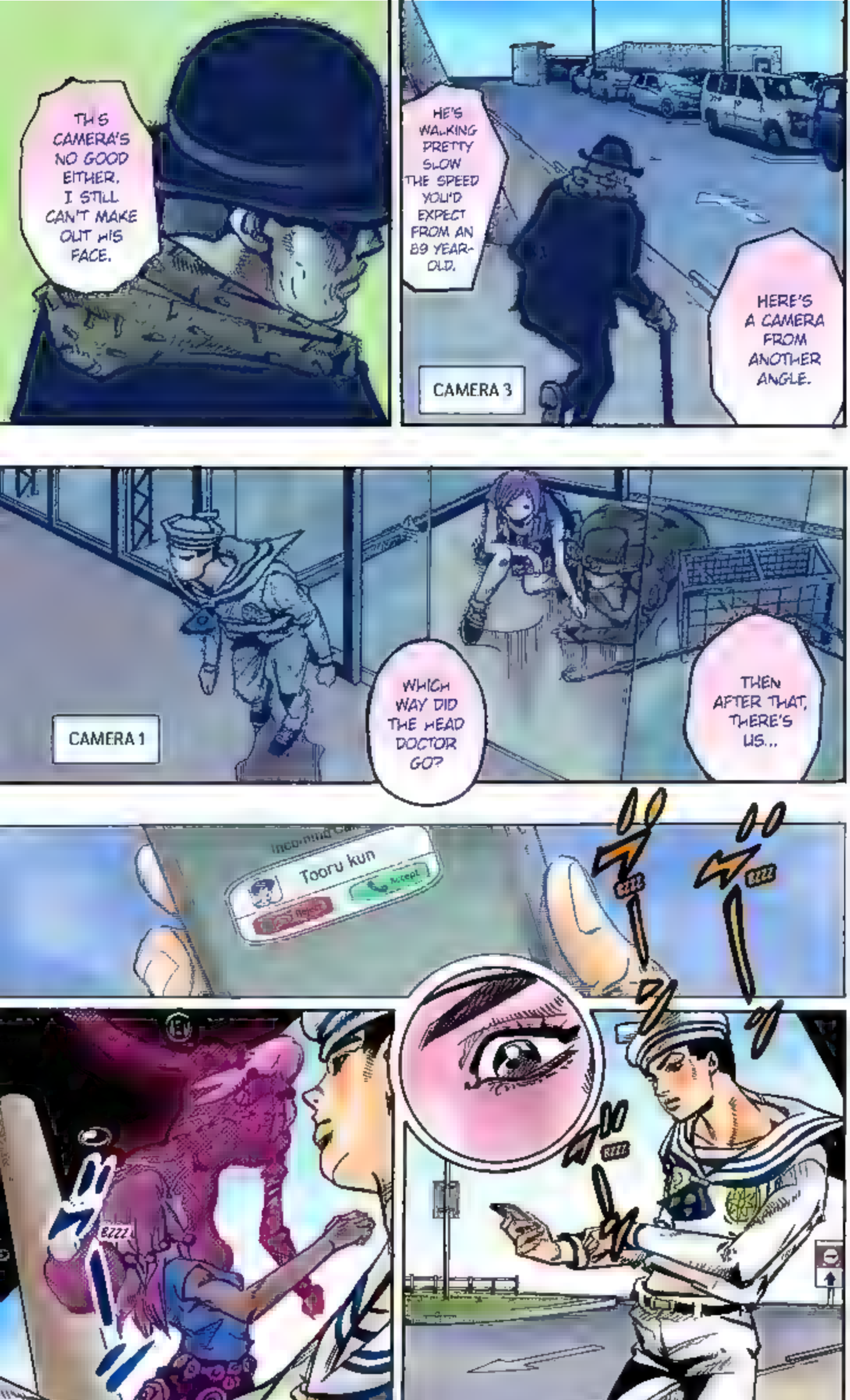




SO I CAN'T IDENTIFY HIM.
I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE.

DAMMIT
DON'T TALK LIKE I'M SOME IDIOT WHO CAN'T PAY ATTENTION.
BUT WHEN DID HE GET THERE. ?

AT THIS POINT, THE HEAD DOCTOR HAD ALREADY GOTTEN AROUND MAMEZUKU-SAN.


THIS CAMERA'S NO GOOD EITHER. I STILL CAN'T MAKE OUT HIS FACE.
HE'S WALKING PRETTY SLOW THE SPEED YOU'D EXPECT FROM AN 89 YEAR-OLD.
HERE'S A CAMERA FROM ANOTHER ANGLE.
CAMERA 3
CAMERA 1
WHICH WAY DID THE HEAD DOCTOR GO?
THEN AFTER THAT, THERE'S US...
Tooru kun
Accept
Reject
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ

Incoming Call
Tooru-kun
Accept
Reject
BZZZ
!
YASUHO-CHAN.
BZZZ
THERE'S A CA...
LET'S CHECK THE CAMERA ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THAT POLE
...FOR YOU.
BZZZ
BUT THAT HEAD DOCTOR WAS GOING RIGHT WHEN HE WENT OUT THE ENTRANCE.
HE'S NOT ON THE CAMERA LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE.
I'LL CALL BACK LATER. ANYHOW,
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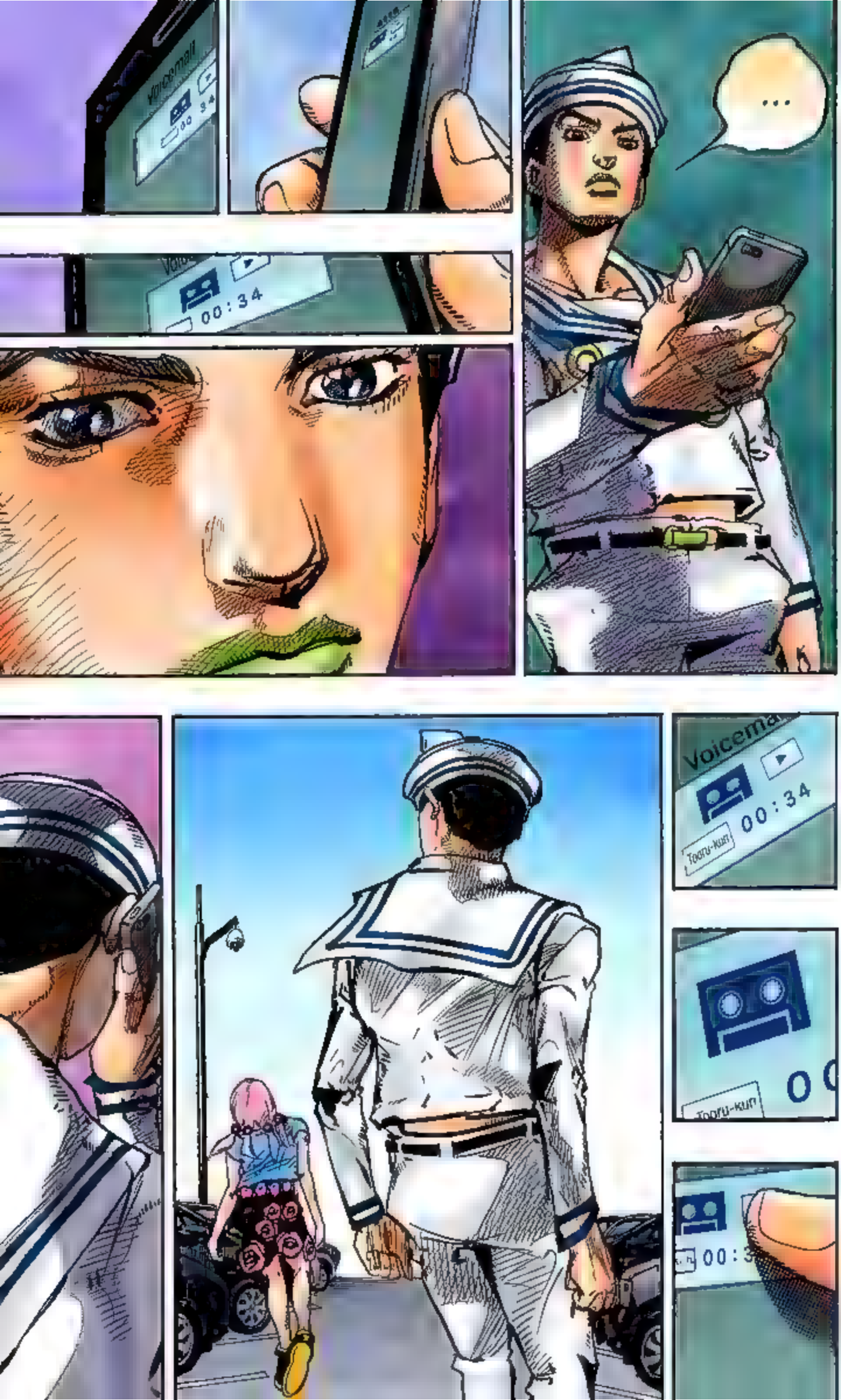
Voicemail
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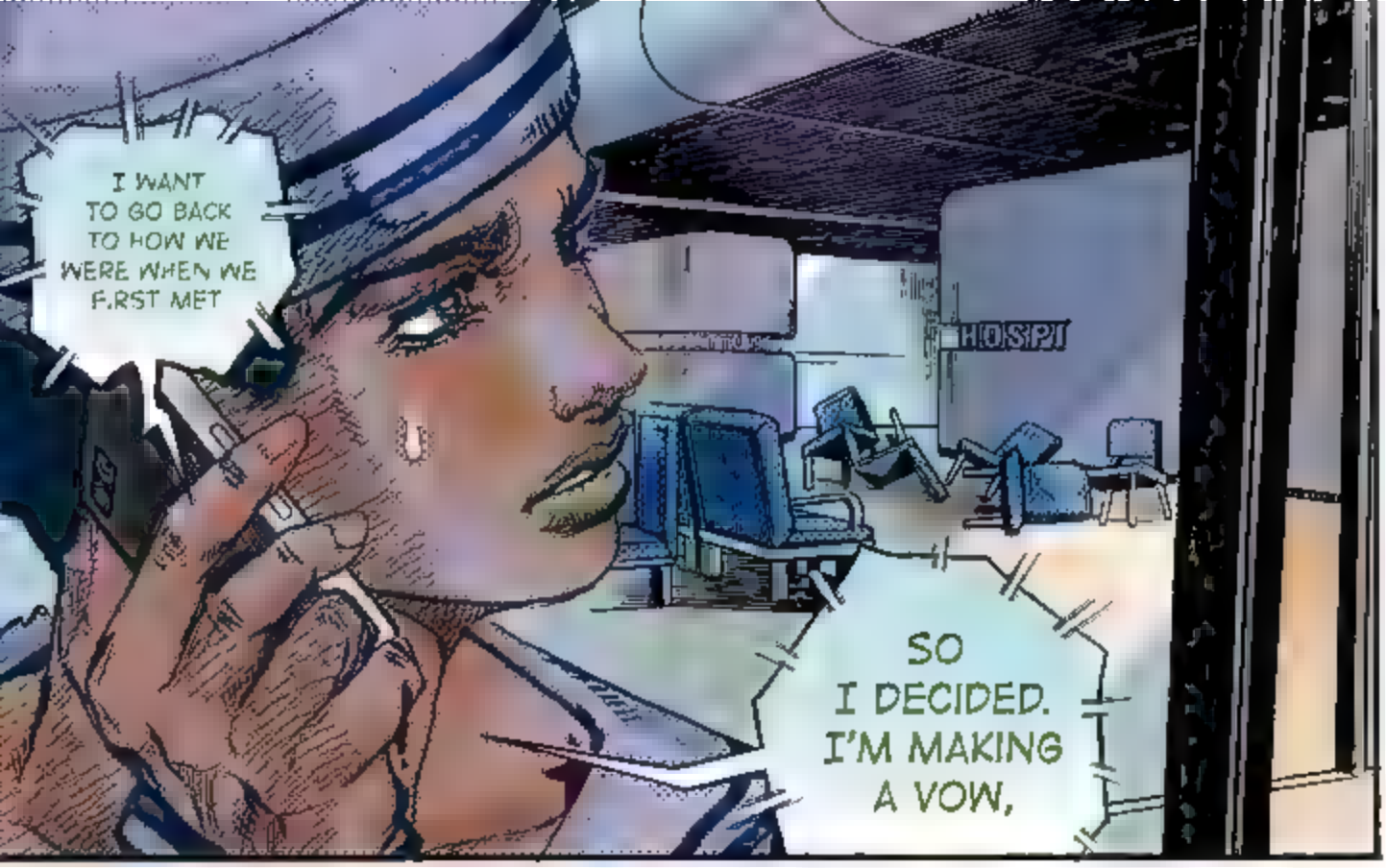
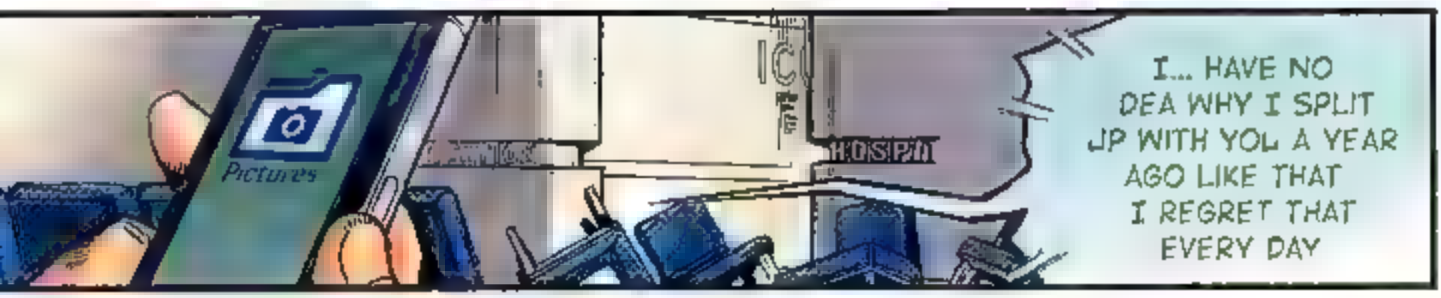
Tooru-kun
Tooru-kun

YASUHO-CHAN! WHEN WE MET UP BEFORE AND I TOUCHED YOUR HAND, I KNEW.
YOU...
YOU FELT THE SAME WAY I DO. I'M SURE OF IT.
YASUHO-CHAN, WHAT YOU SAID BACK THERE,
IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU'D REALLY MADE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO HAPPEN BETWEEN US AND WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO NOW
I FEEL IT EVEN MORE THAN IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN WE FIRST MET. I LOVE YOU.


I WANT TO GO BACK TO HOW WE WERE WHEN WE FIRST MET
HOSPI
SO I DECIDED. I'M MAKING A VOW,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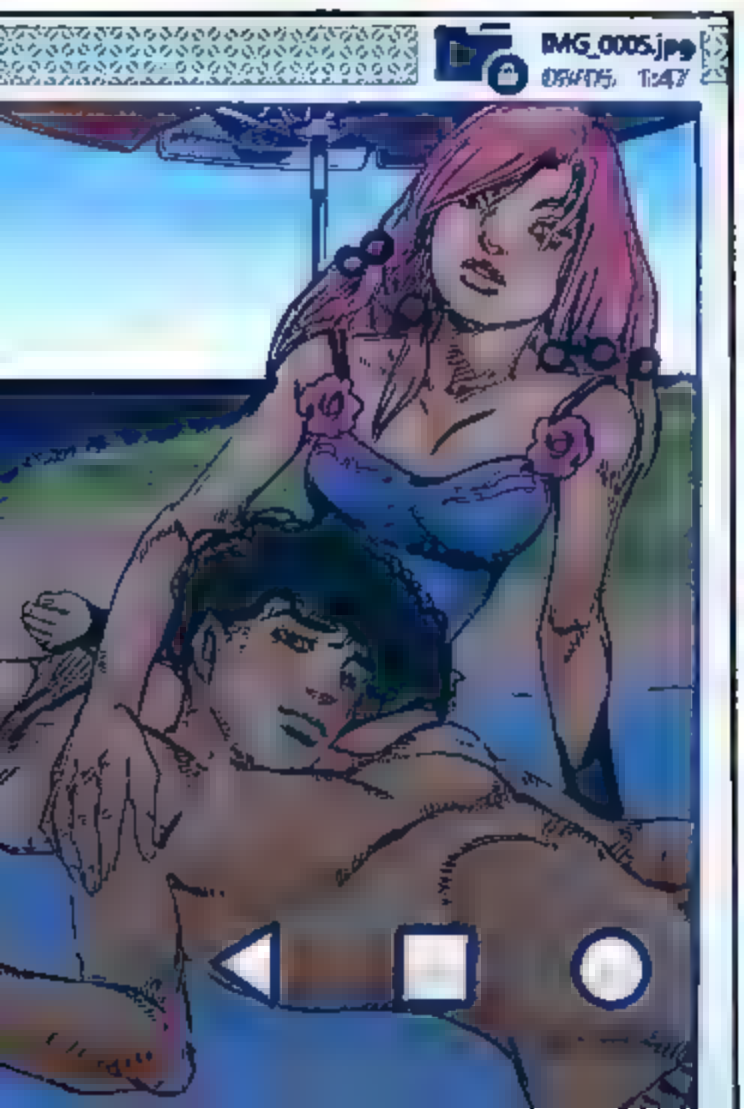
I... HAVE NO IDEA WHY I SPLIT UP WITH YOU A YEAR AGO LIKE THAT I REGRET THAT EVERY DAY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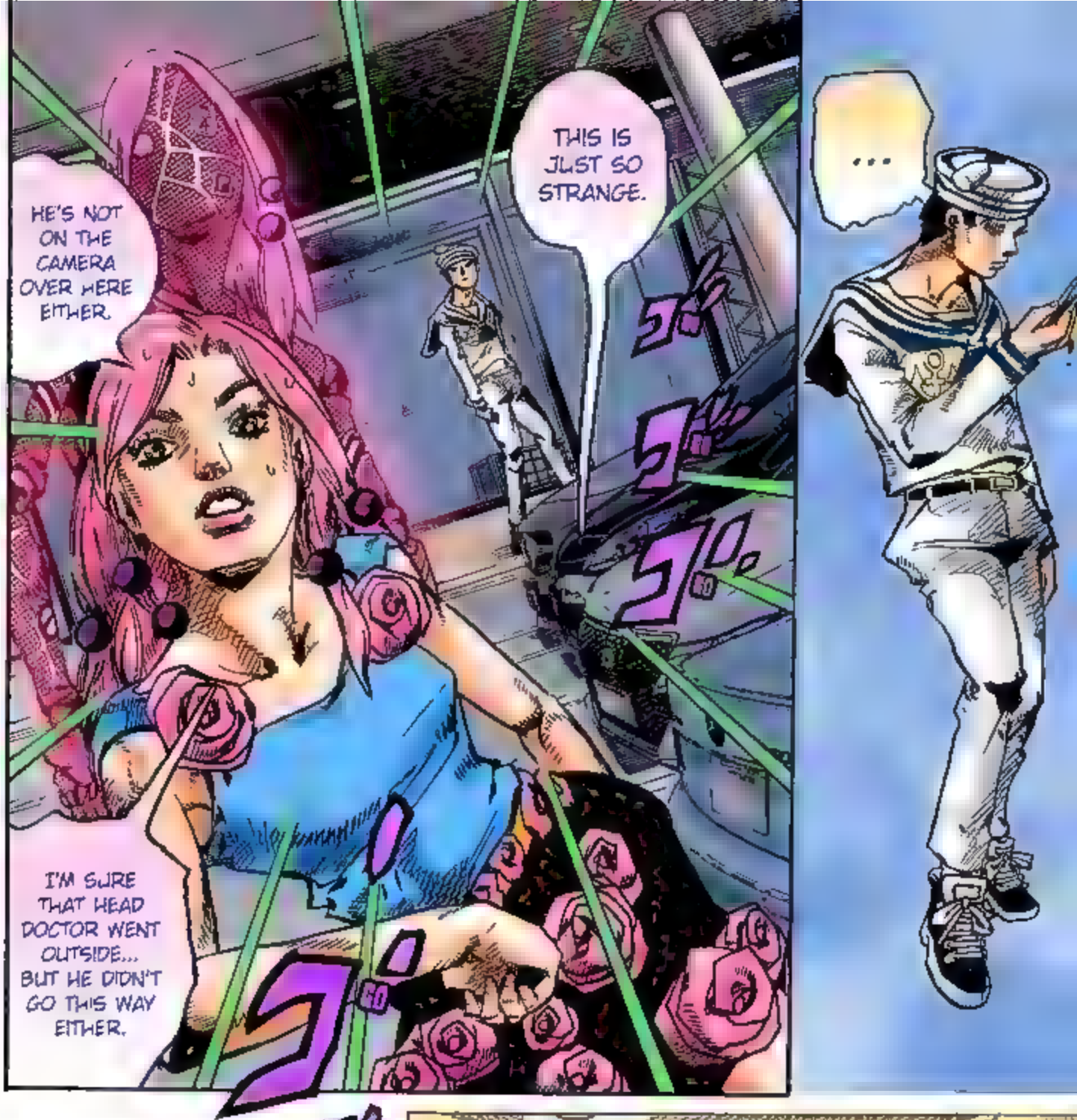
I SENT YOU A PHOTO OF IT LET'S MEET THERE
ONCE I GET OFF WORK, I'M GOING TO GO SEE YOU LET'S MEET AT THAT PLACE WHERE WE HAD ALL OF THOSE DREAMS AND MEMORIES TOGETHER
PHOTO


HE'S NOT ON THE CAMERA OVER HERE EITHER.
THIS IS JUST SO STRANGE.
I'M SURE THAT HEAD DOCTOR WENT OUTSIDE... BUT HE DIDN'T GO THIS WAY EITHER.
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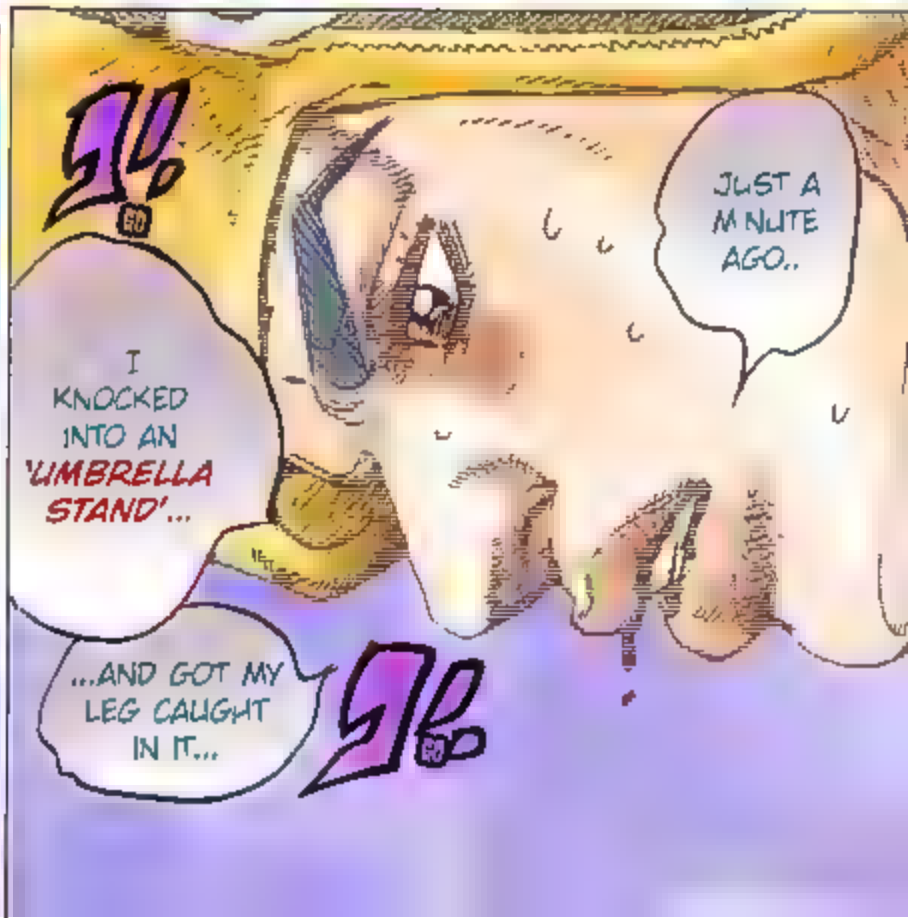
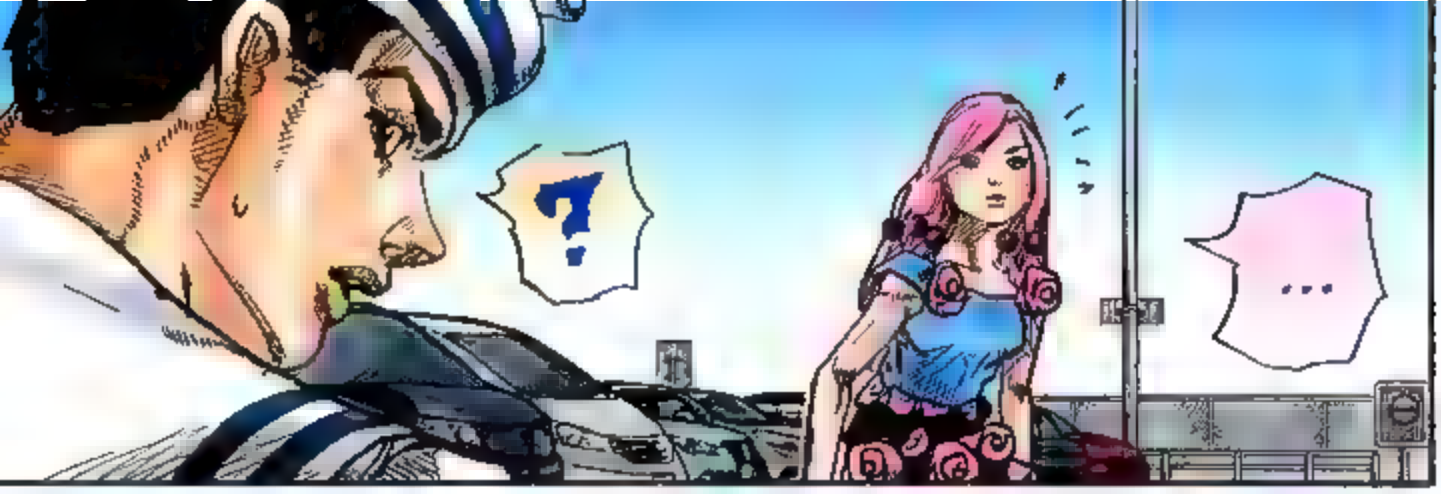

JUST A MINUTE AGO..
I KNOCKED INTO AN 'UMBRELLA STAND'...
...AND GOT MY LEG CAUGHT IN IT...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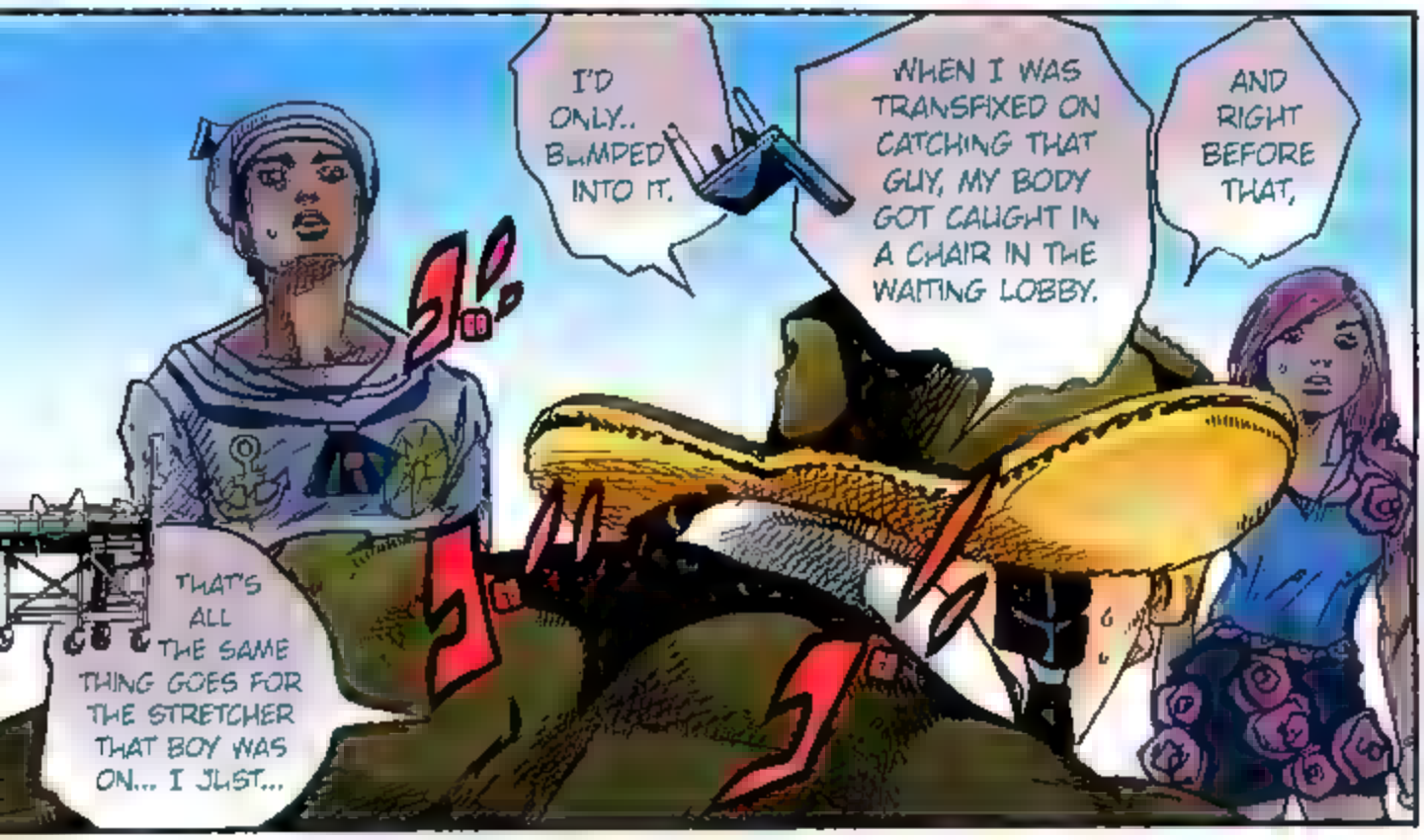
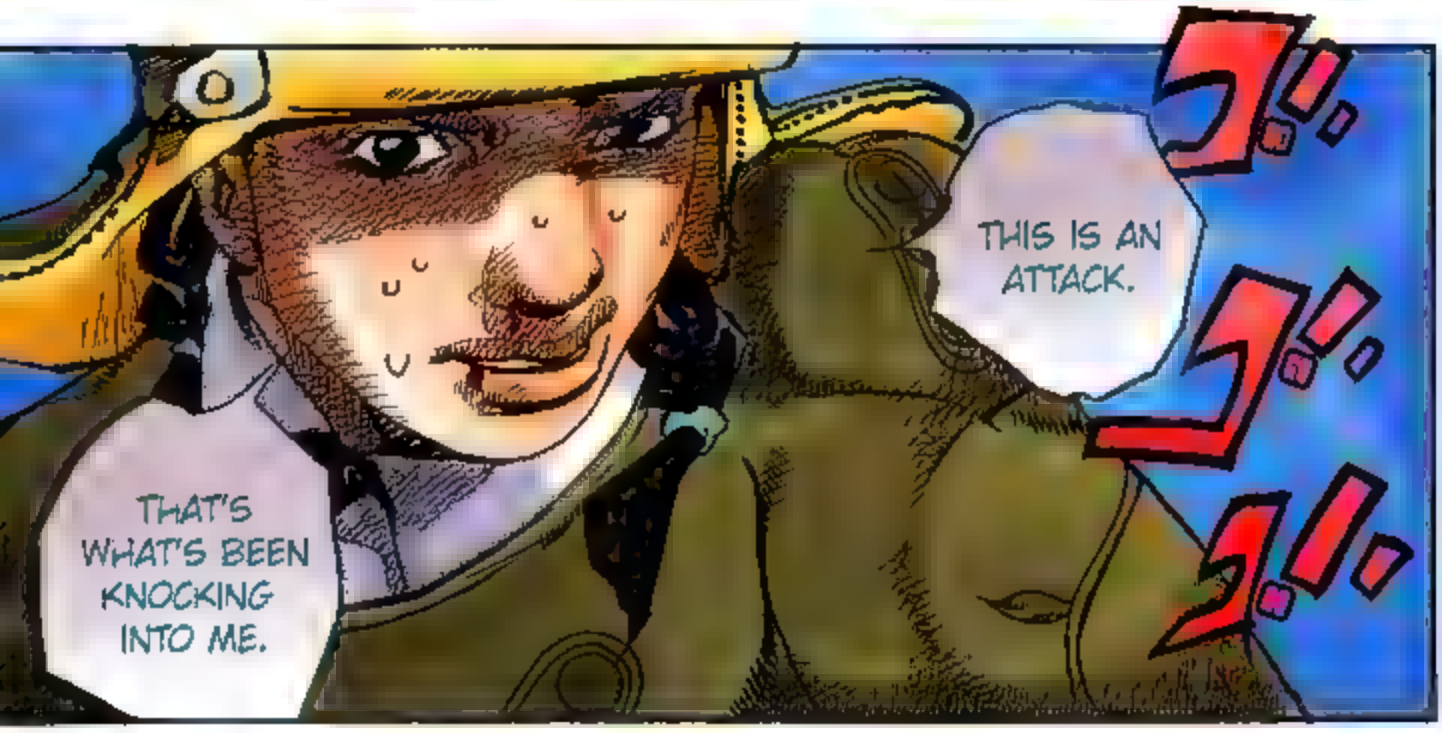
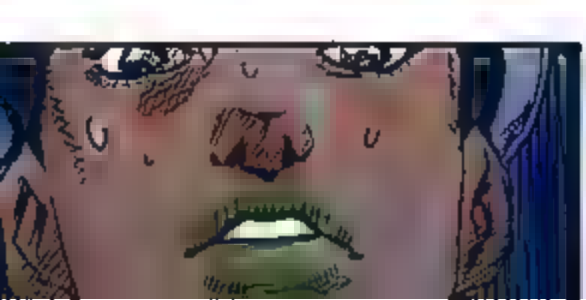
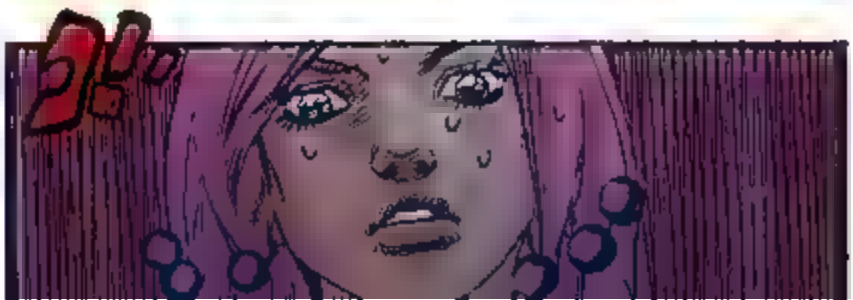

I'D ONLY.. BUMPED INTO IT.
WHEN I WAS TRANSFIXED ON CATCHING THAT GUY, MY BODY GOT CAUGHT IN A CHAIR IN THE WAITING LOBBY.
AND RIGHT BEFORE THAT,
THAT'S ALL THE SAME THING GOES FOR THE STRETCHER THAT BOY WAS ON... I JUST...


THIS IS AN ATTACK.
THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN KNOCKING INTO ME.





IT MIGHT BE THE 'GUY JOSUKE SAW'!
'SOMETHING' IS COMING...!!
AAA AAAAA AAA!!
MAME-ZUKU-SAN!
AAA AAHH HH
IT'S AN ATTACK WHERE 'SOMETHING' KNOCKS INTO US!
DRG
DRGG
DRGGG
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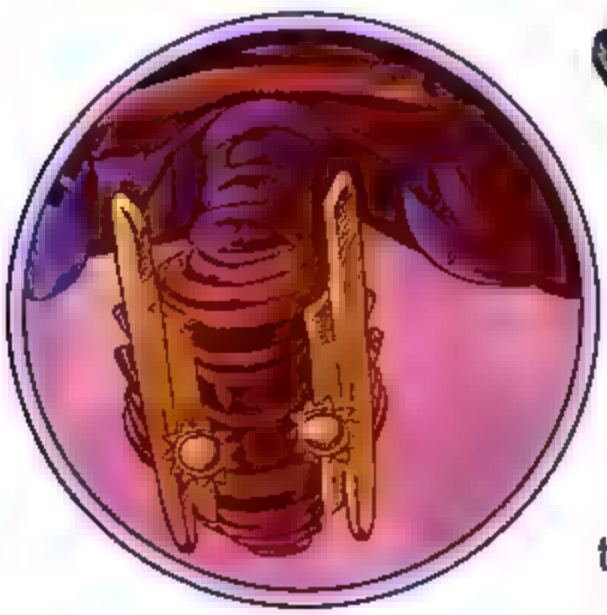
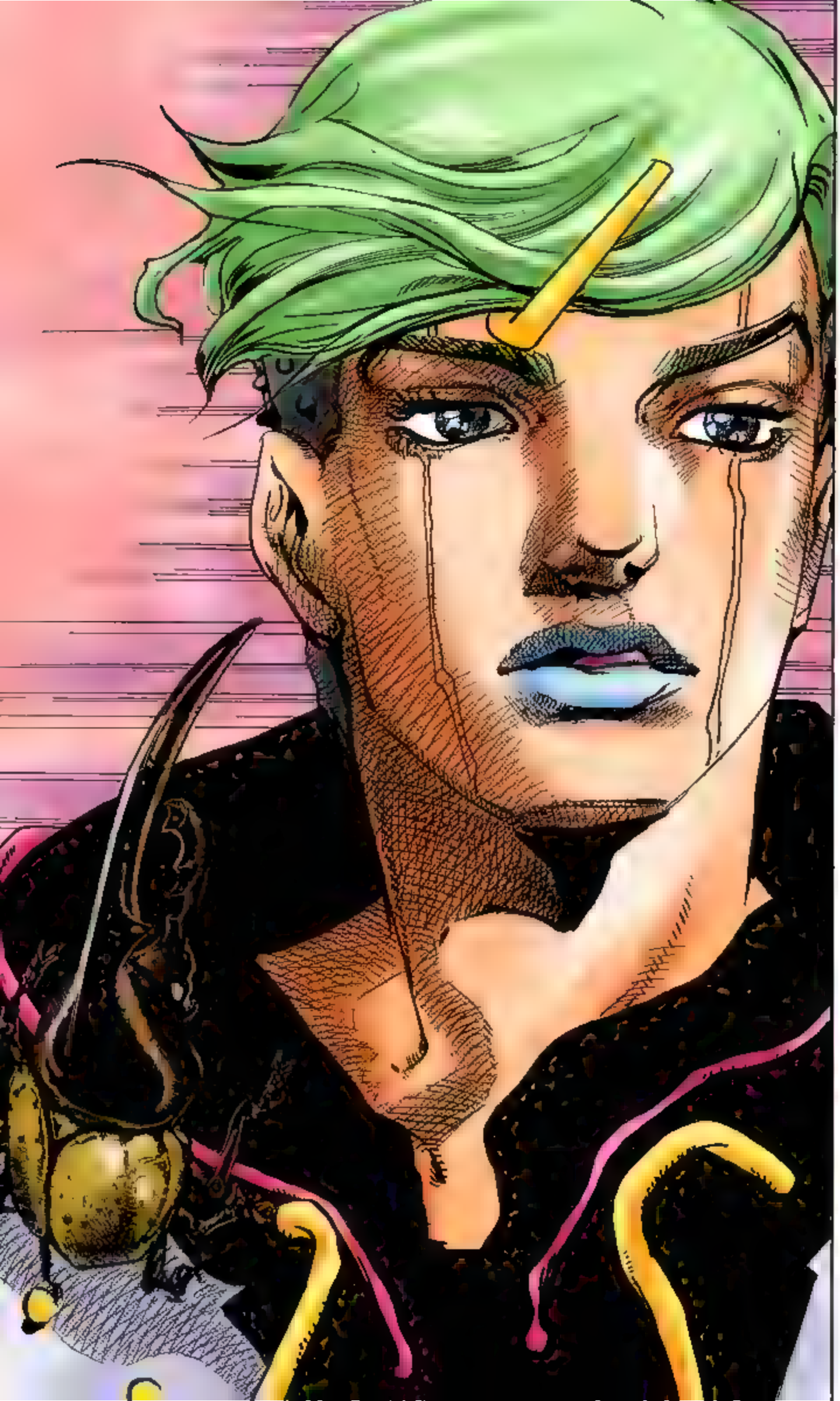
The TG University Hospital Head Doctor—

Satoru Akefu (Age 89)

They would like to see what his face looks like, but for some reason they can't catch up to him. Is he really 89 years old...?



A Stand-like energy that was only visible for an instant when they turned around. Why did it manifest there? The only thing that is certain is that this is an enemy.



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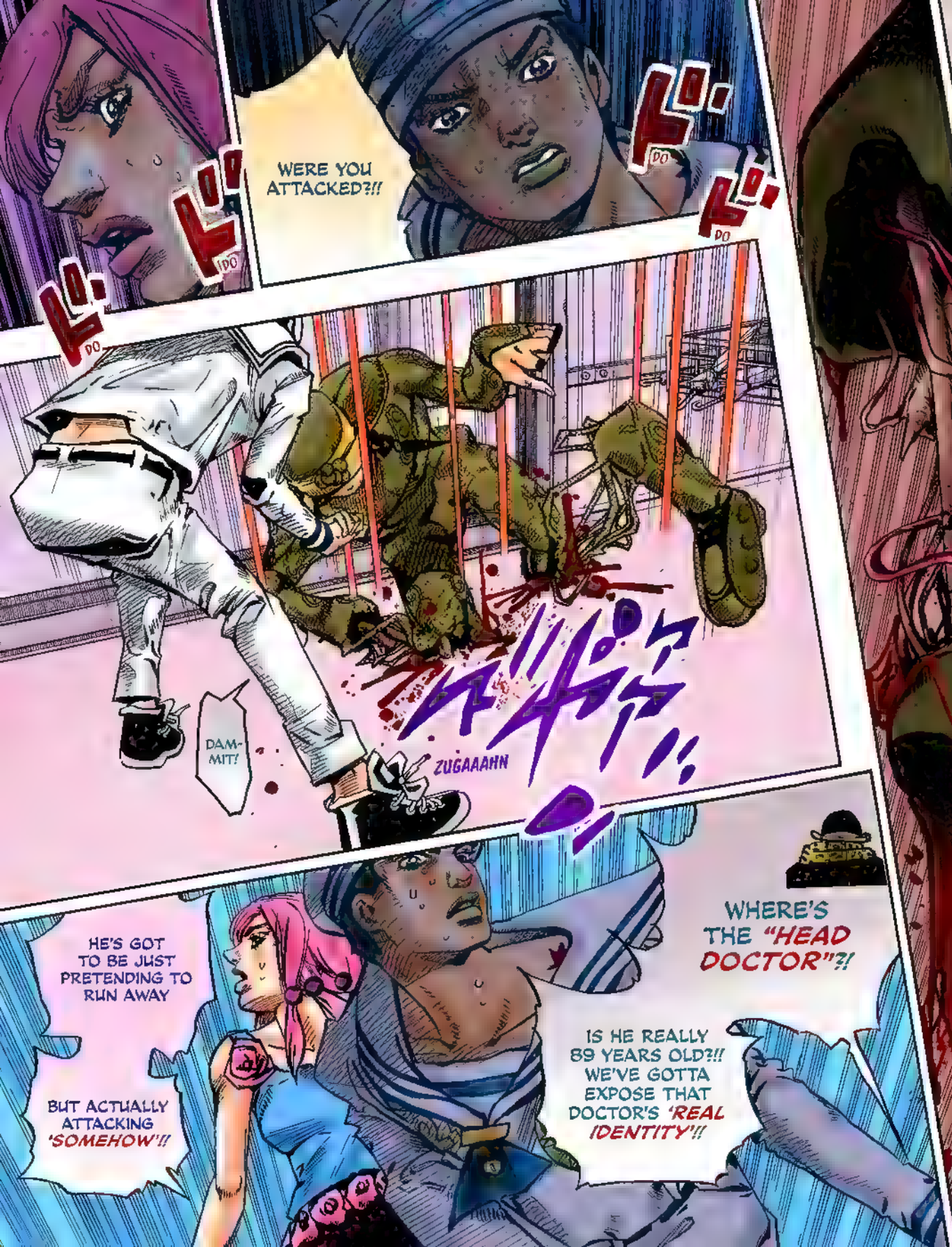
THE WONDER OF YOU (THE MIRACLE OF YOUR LOVE) PART③


WERE YOU ATTACKED?!!
DO
DO
DO
DO
DAM-MIT!
ZUGAAAHN
WHERE'S THE "HEAD DOCTOR"?!
HE'S GOT TO BE JUST PRETENDING TO RUN AWAY
BUT ACTUALLY ATTACKING 'SOMEHOW'!!
IS HE REALLY 89 YEARS OLD?!! WE'VE GOTTA EXPOSE THAT DOCTOR'S 'REAL IDENTITY'!!

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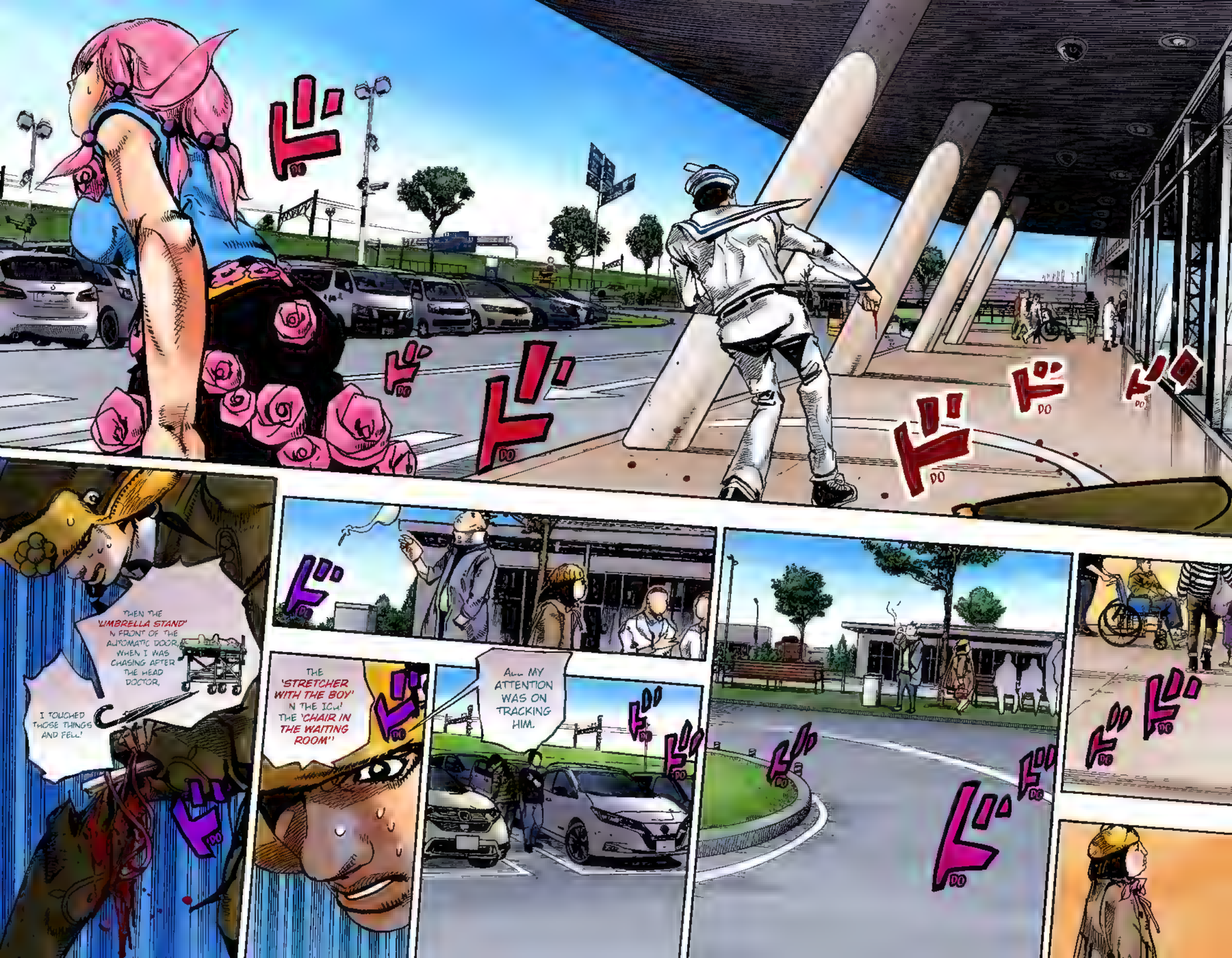
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THEN THE 'UMBRELLA STAND' IN FRONT OF THE AUTOMATIC DOOR, WHEN I WAS CHASING AFTER THE HEAD DOCTOR.
I TOUCHED THOSE THINGS AND FELL!
THE 'STRETCHER WITH THE BOY' IN THE ICU! THE 'CHAIR IN THE WAITING ROOM'!
ALL MY ATTENTION WAS ON TRACKING HIM.

GO

GO

GO

I THOUGHT... I'D JUST SLAMMED INTO SOME UMBRELLA STAND.

I THOUGHT THEY WERE *"NOTHING WORTH THINKING ABOUT"*...

AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT TRIPPING OVER THOSE THINGS HAD ALL JUST BEEN ACCIDENTS.

GO

IT JUST MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THAT THE 'HEAD DOCTOR' IS CAUSING HIMSELF TO BE *"PURSUED"*!

GO

GO

GO

ALL THE WAY BACK AT THE HEAD DOCTOR'S OFFICE..

SO THEN...

GO

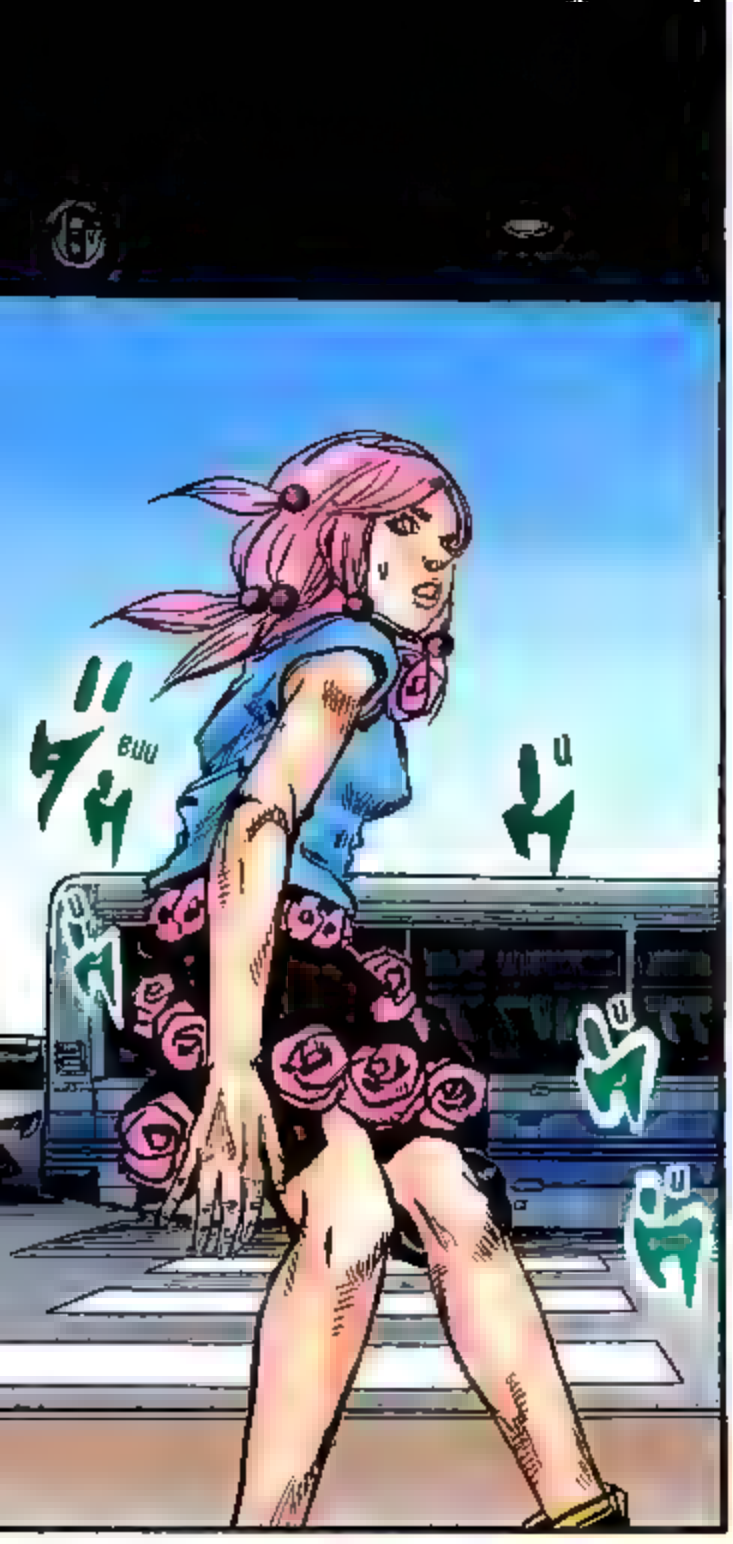
GO

GO

GO

BUT *'SOME'* POWER IS *KNOCKING INTO ME* IN SOME ABNORMAL WAY.

THIS IS A *'STAND ABILITY'*!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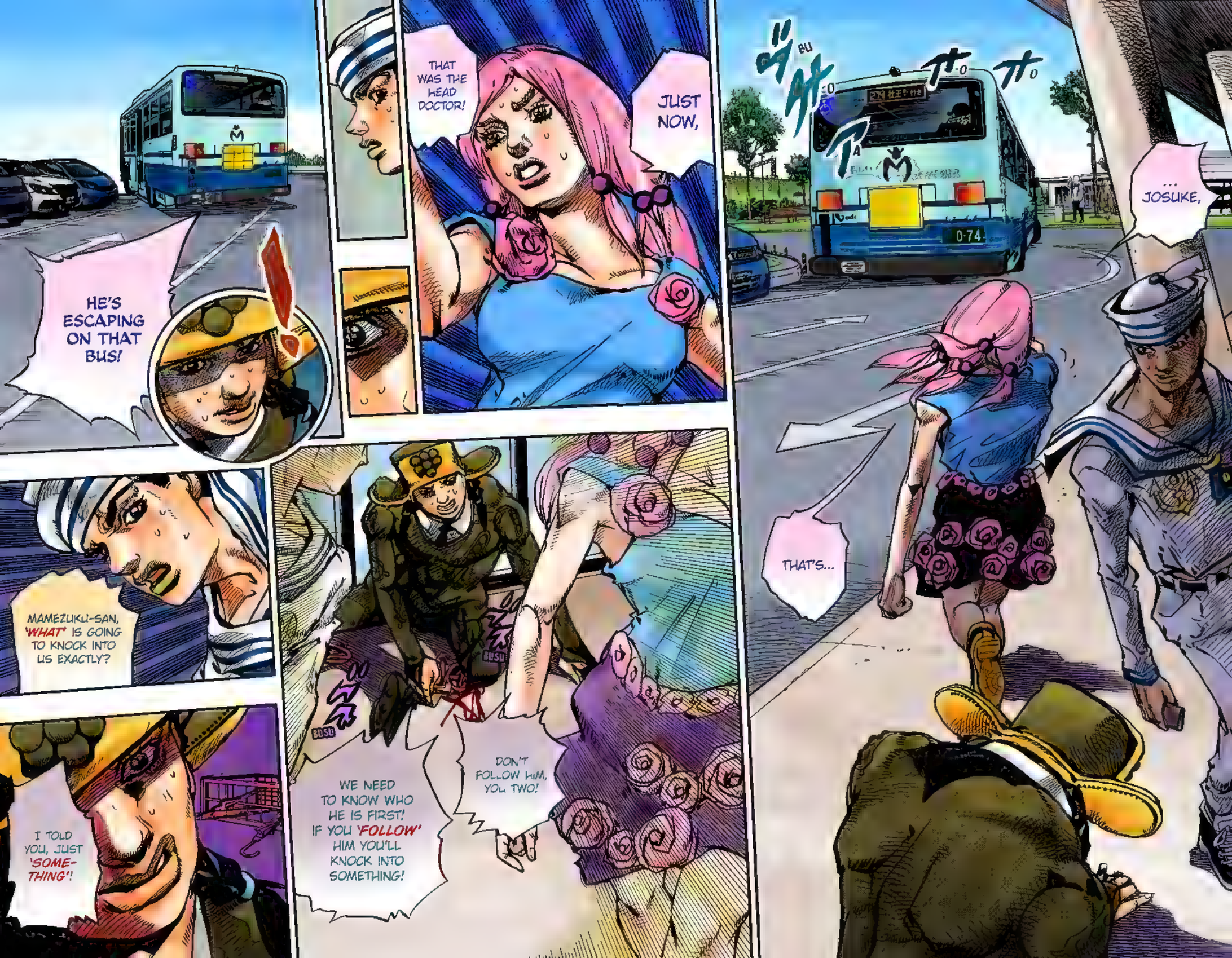
..ICU GLASS DOOR'.
AND I KNOCKED AGA NST THE...

DRIp

BAAAAA


HE'S ESCAPING ON THAT BUS!
THAT WAS THE HEAD DOCTOR!
JUST NOW,
MAMEZUKU-SAN, 'WHAT' IS GOING TO KNOCK INTO US EXACTLY?
I TOLD YOU, JUST 'SOME-THING'!
WE NEED TO KNOW WHO HE IS FIRST! IF YOU 'FOLLOW' HIM YOU'LL KNOCK INTO SOMETHING!
DON'T FOLLOW HIM, YOU TWO!
BUSU
BUSU
BU
0-74
THAT'S...
... JOSUKE,

HE'S INVITING US TO "PURSUE" HIM AGAIN!

I 'SAW' IT ABOVE THE UMBRELLA STAND!

JO-SUKE!

YOU SAID YOU 'SAW' A STAND ON THE STAIRCASE. I GOT A GLIMPSE OF IT, TOO!

SO... NOW...

WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HIS IDENTITY...

INSIDE THE BUS, THE HEAD DOCTOR LOOKED THIS WAY.

WOO

GO!!

THE "PURSUIT" IS THE SWITCH! UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT THAT HEAD DOCTOR'S 'IDENTITY',

"PURSUING HIM" IS JUST TOO BIG A RISK!

GO!

GO!

GO!

GO!

BAH

WAIT!

THERE'S NO OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT HIM ANYWHERE! WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HIS REAL AGE!!

I NEED TO AT LEAST GET A VIEW OF HIS 'FACE'!

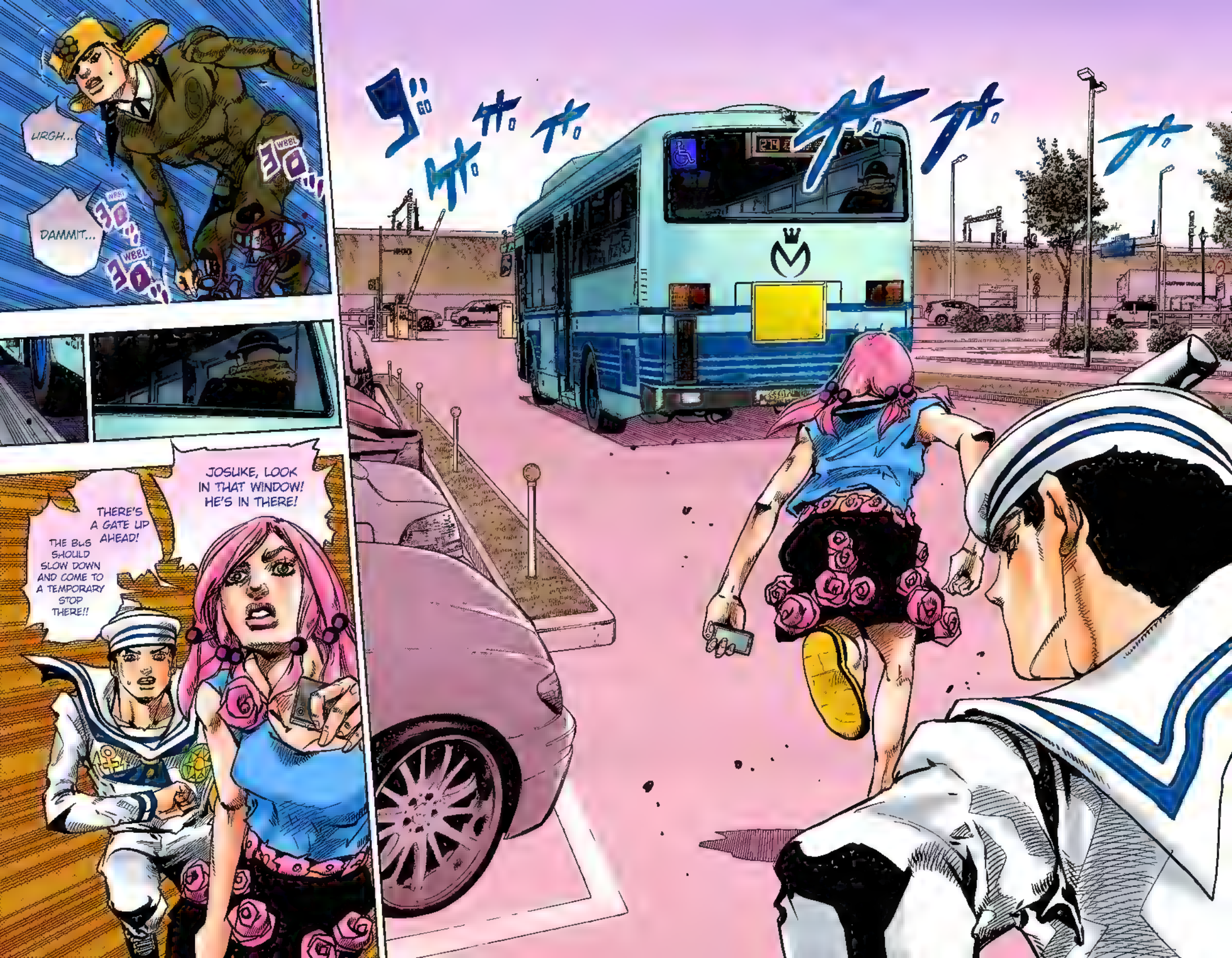
IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, WE'RE GOING TO LOSE HIM!!

AAAAAH

YASUHO-CHAN!!

UH...

UUUHH...


URGH...
DAMMIT...
WRRR
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JOSUKE, LOOK IN THAT WINDOW! HE'S IN THERE!
THERE'S A GATE UP AHEAD!
THE BUS SHOULD SLOW DOWN AND COME TO A TEMPORARY STOP THERE!!
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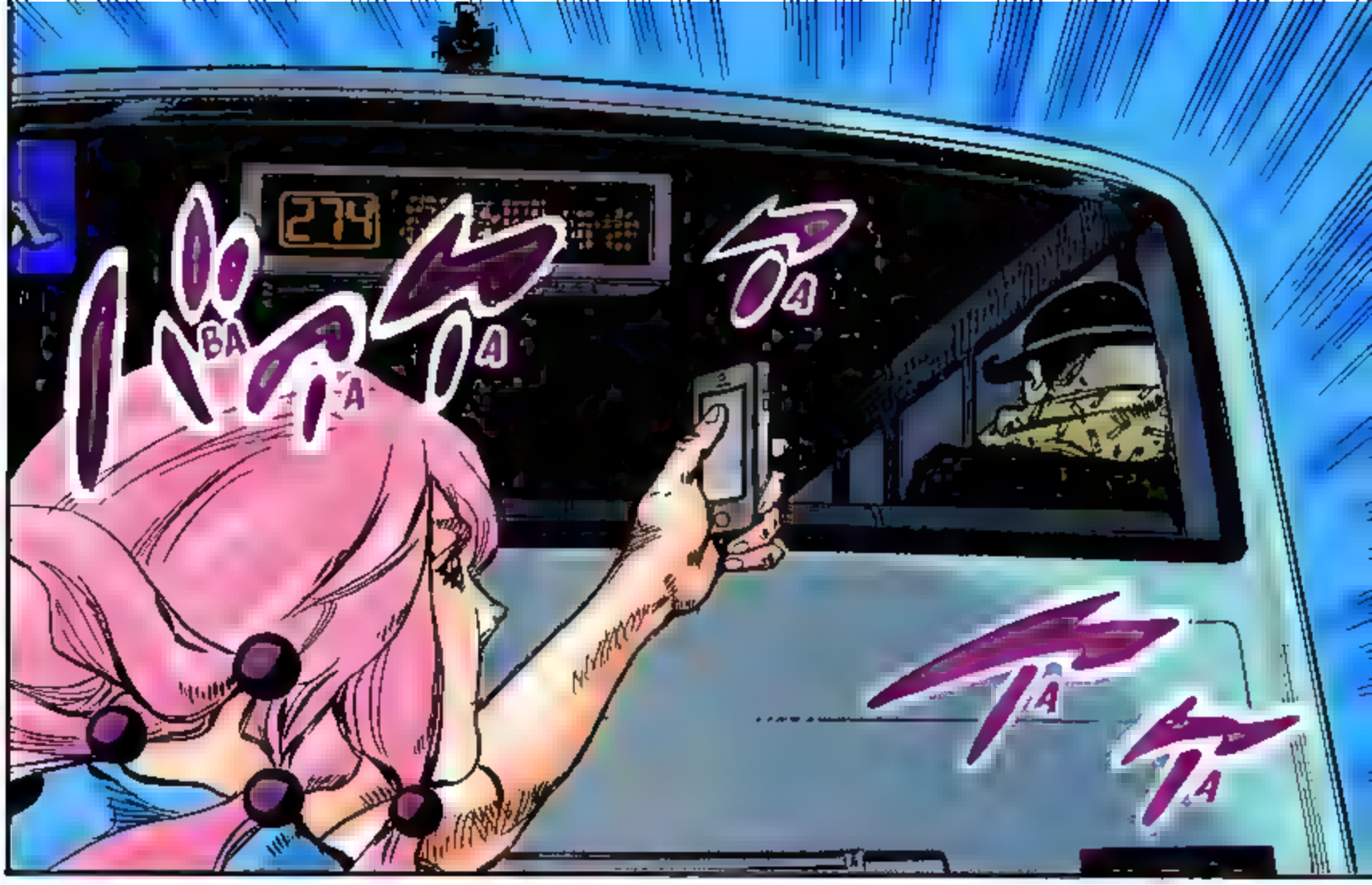
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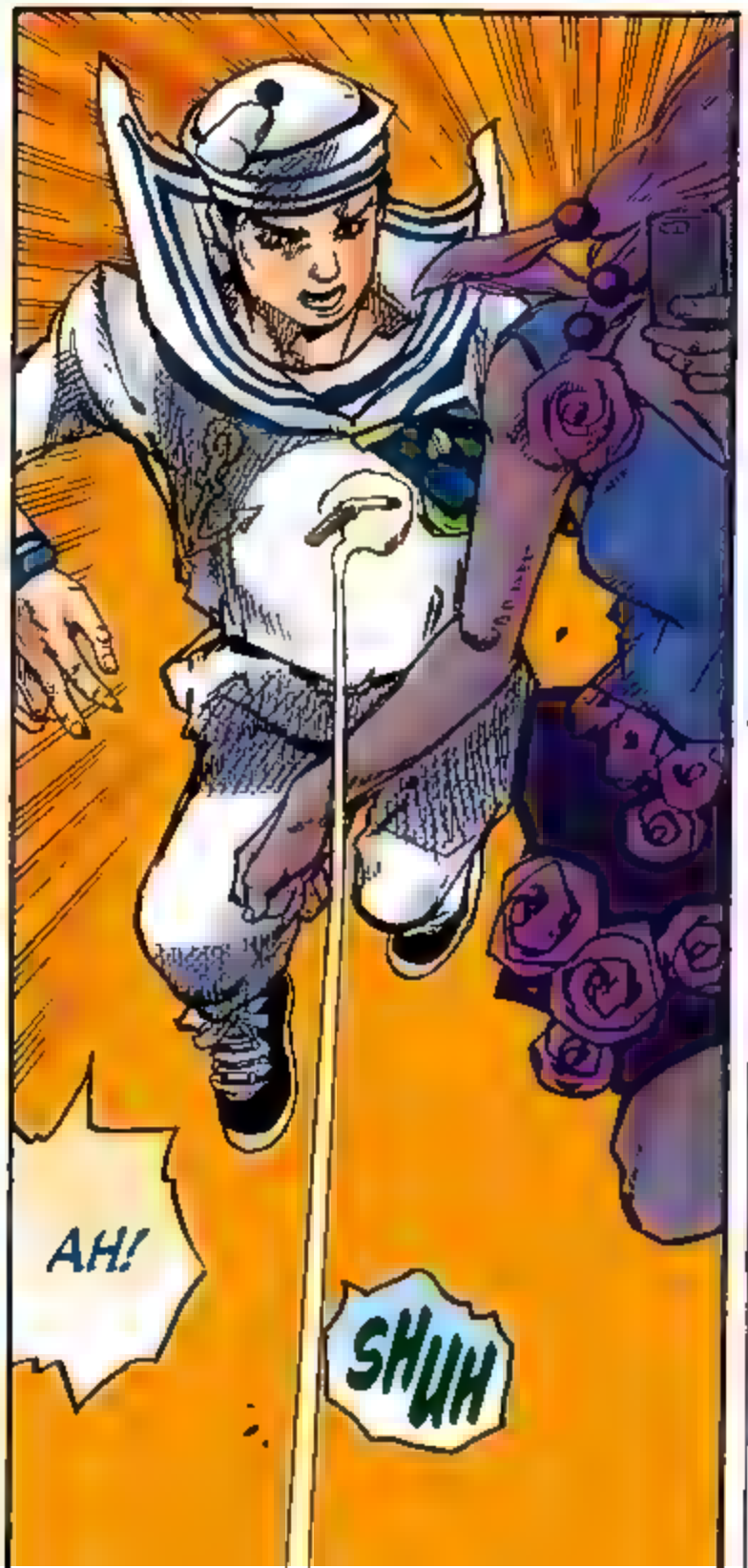
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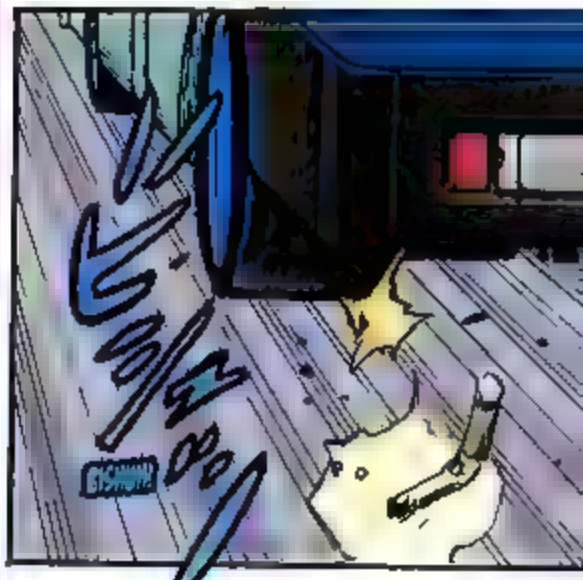
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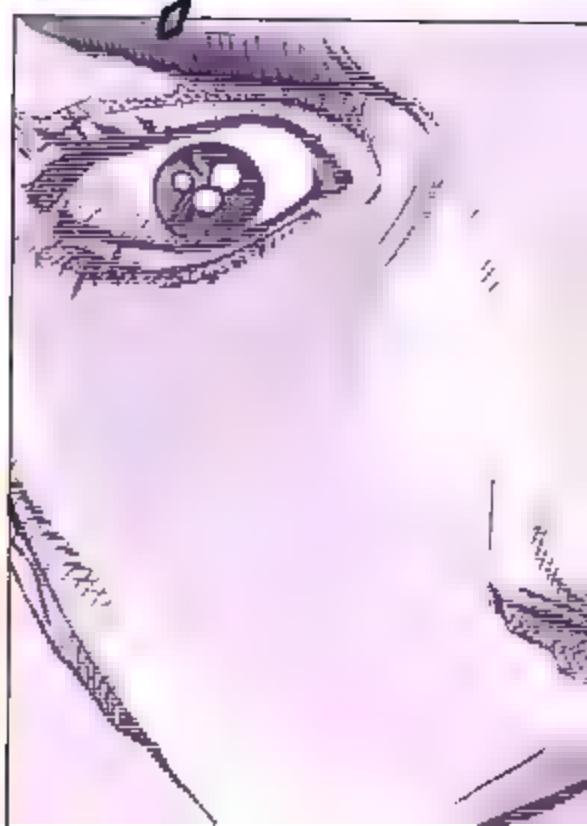

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YASUHO-CHAN!

UURH! UGUAAA AHH!!

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'SOMETHING' WILL KNOCK INTO US!!

'HOLD ON!' WE SHOULDN'T JUST 'CHASE AFTER HIM'!

MAMEZUKU-SAN IS RIGHT!!

HIS... FACE...

JO-SUKE...

JUST A LITTLE MORRRE!

ALMOST.

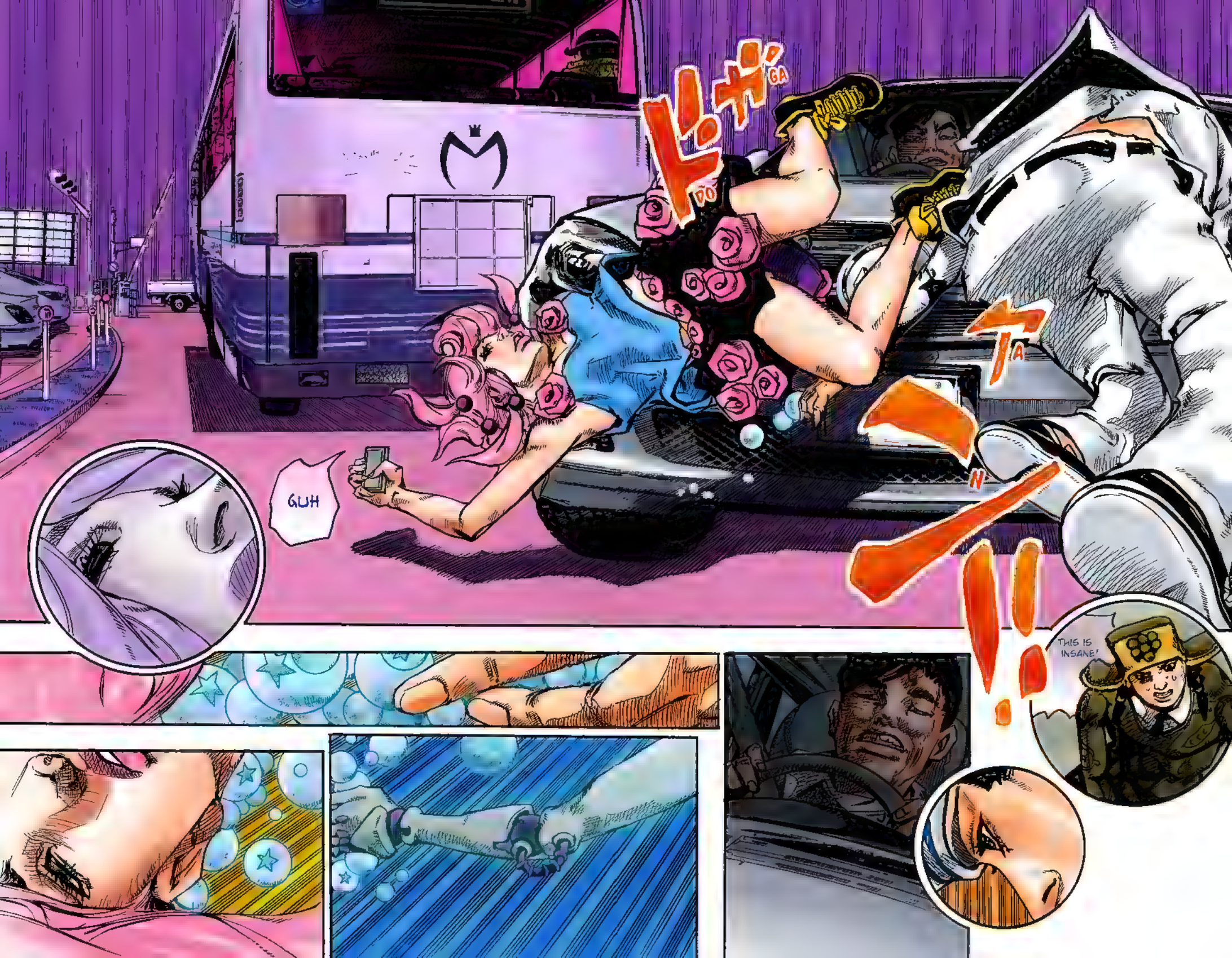
ALMOST SEE IT...

I... I CAN...

HE TURNED THIS WAY!!

STOP! DON'T CHASE AFTER HIM RIGHT NOW!!

I CAN ALMOST SEE IT!!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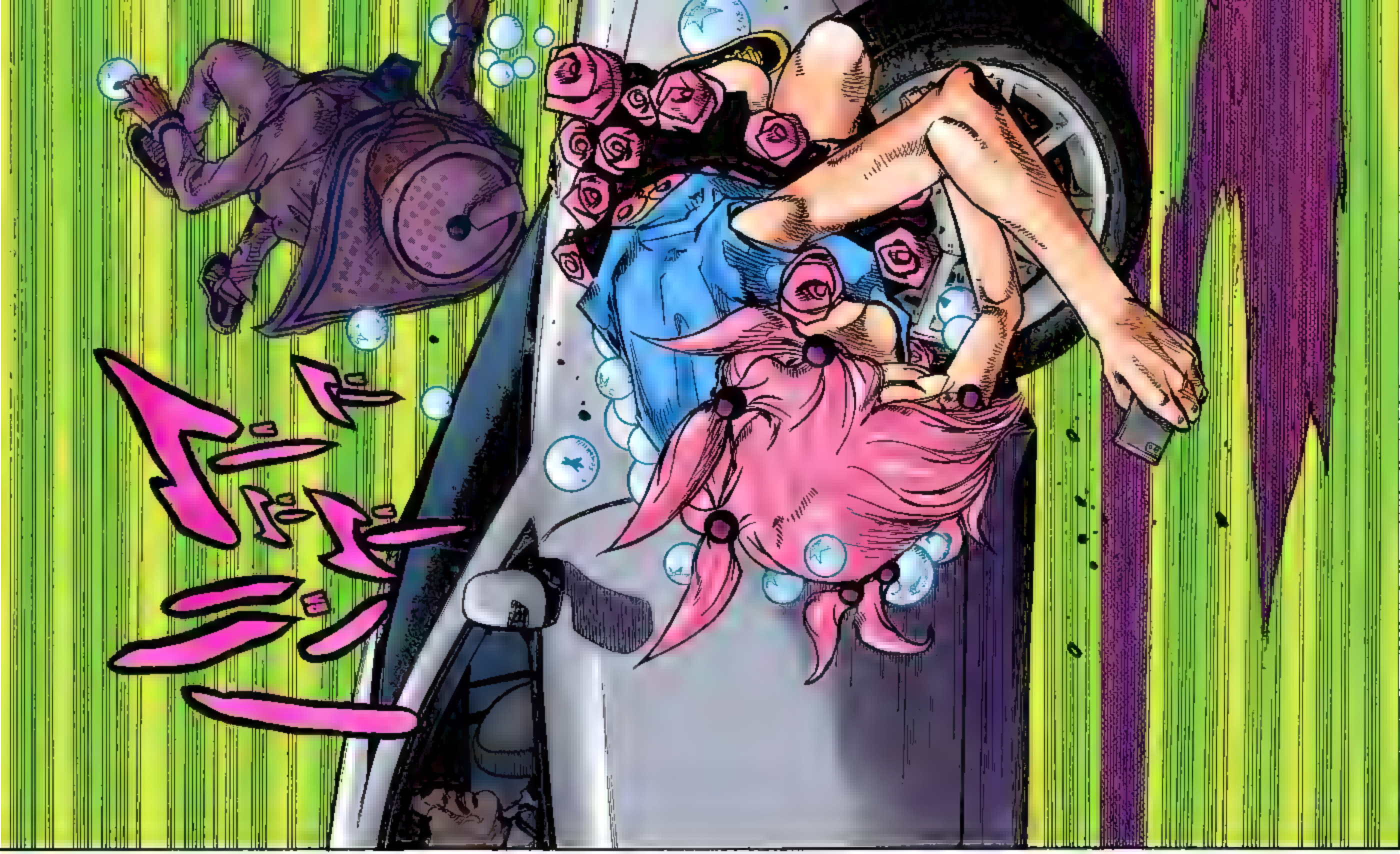

BIH!

POGAAAAH

BOMUN

SOFT &...

WET.

POP

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ULIGH ...

THIS GUY...

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YASUHO!

UGHH

JOSUKE!

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WE FOLLOW HIM...
AND WE GET ATTACKED.
I'M FINE!!
I'M...
YASUHO-CHAN!
ARE YOU OKAY?! DID THE BODY OF THE CAR MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU?!
HAA
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HAA
BUT JOSUKE... WHAT ABOUT YOU?

THAT'S GOOD...

JOSUKE...

DID YOU TOUCH THE CAR OR THE BUS AT ALL?!

JOSUKE, DID YOU COLLIDE WITH THE BODY OF THE CAR?!

I STILL DON'T SEE *'ANY-THING'*!!

THERE WAS A GAP IN TIME BEFORE *'SOME'* ATTACK CAME!

WITH ME,

BAAAAA

MY HAND IS B..EEDING FROM SOMETHING EARLIER.

WE CAN'T PREDICT WHICH DIRECTION THE ATTACK WILL COME FROM!

BOKUN

I DIDN'T TOUCH THE CAR.

I'M FINE.

FOR NOW, AT LEAST!

JUST FORGET ABOUT FOLLOWING HIM!

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YOU, GUY WITH THE BLEEDING HAND! YOU WERE SWINGIN' THAT AROUND RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY FACE WHEN YOU WERE RUNNING BACK THERE!

I DON'T GIVE A SHIT WHETHER YOU PEOPLE ARE ALL RIGHT OR NOT!

BLEH

BLEH

BLEH

WHAT'S THAT SAILOR GUY'S DEAL?!

IN MY FREAKIN' MOUTH ...!!

HE GOT SOME...

BLEH

BLEH

ALL RIGHT ASSHO~~LE, WHAT THE HELL SORTA ILLNESS DID YOU COME TA THIS HOSPITAL WITH?

I SWEAR TA GOD, YOU GOT SOME IN MY MOUTH!

HEY, I'M TALKIN' TA YOU, SAILOR GUY!

BLEH

BLEH

THIS IS ODD... COULD IT BE?

YOU FR GGIN' BASTA-AARD!!

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AH!

JOSUKE! DON'T GET NEAR THAT GUY! GET AWAY!

GUIN

DON'T RUN AWAY FROM ME! YOU'D BETTER COUGH UP SOME MONEY FOR MY *'MEDICAL BILLS'* AND FOR *'PAIN AND SUFFERING'*!

GASHAH

SUH...

CRRACK

...

PLONK

UH...

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JOSUKE ...

THIS IS BAD.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SAW SOMETHING.

I'M IN THE TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL PARKING LOT

HE...LO?

HE...LO?

WHAT THE...

WHAT...

JUST HAPPENED...?

I DON'T... WHAT WAS THAT?

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NO!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

ARE YOU OKAY?!

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HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY DEAD!

DON'T DO ANYTHING!!

DON'T TOUCH THAT GUY, JOSUKE!

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WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

DO

'SOME-THING' WAS REPELLED FROM YOU TO HIM!

BECAUSE WE WERE FOLLOWING THE HEAD DOCTOR!

THAT WAS ANOTHER 'COLLISION'!

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WE CAN'T *PERCEIVE* THE SHAPE OF THE ATTACK OR THE DIRECTION IT COMES FROM!

THAT'S THE KIND OF "ATTACK" IT IS!

...THIS IS BAD. WE'VE GOTTA GET AWAY FROM HERE!

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HE PROTECTED ME!

JOSUKE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

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KACHA

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THEY SEEM REASONABLE ENOUGH... MAYBE THEY'LL BELIEVE YOU.

...BUT IF WE STICK AROUND HERE, THE POLICE WILL COME INVESTIGATE AND ARREST JOSUKE.

JOSUKE WAS ONLY PROTECTING ME!

YEAH, TELL THAT TO THESE PEOPLE.

AND GIVEN HOW DRAWN-OUT HIM GETTING ARRESTED WOULD BE, I CAN'T SAY I'M A FAN.

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IT'S SIX DAYS UNTIL THE HARVEST OF THE NEW LOCACACA.

THE FRUIT WILL BE RIPE BEFORE HE GETS OUT.

I'M NOT SURE RIGHT NOW...

WE HAVE TO DEFEAT THAT 'HEAD DOCTOR'.

BUT HOW DO WE DO IT? AH...!!

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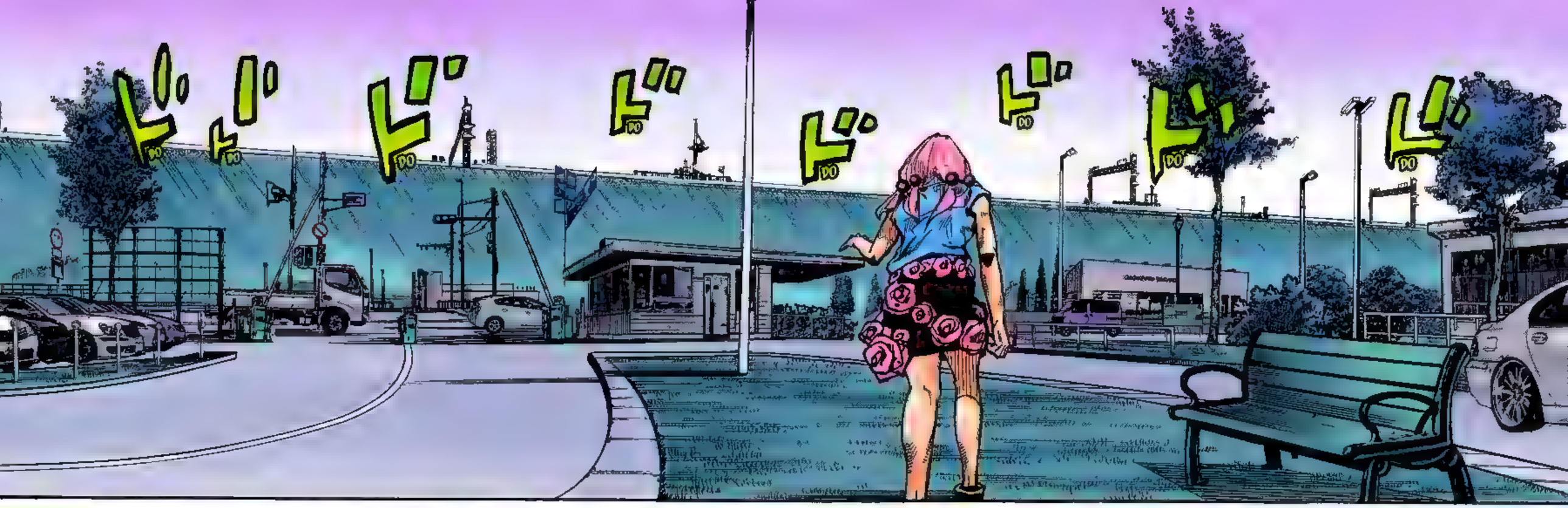
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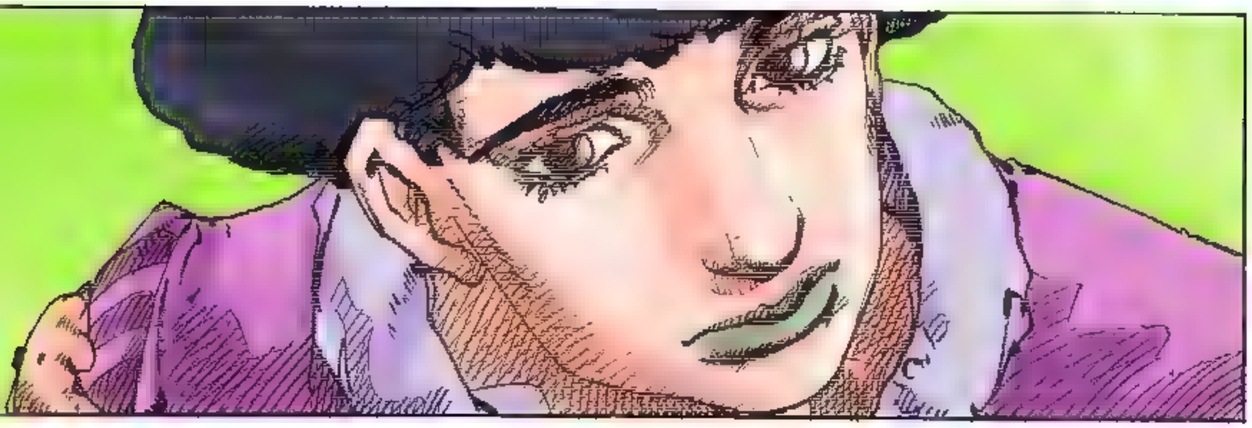

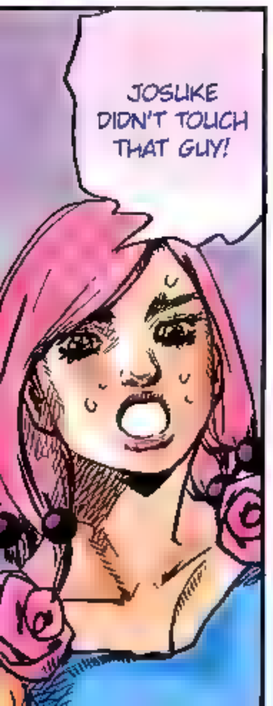
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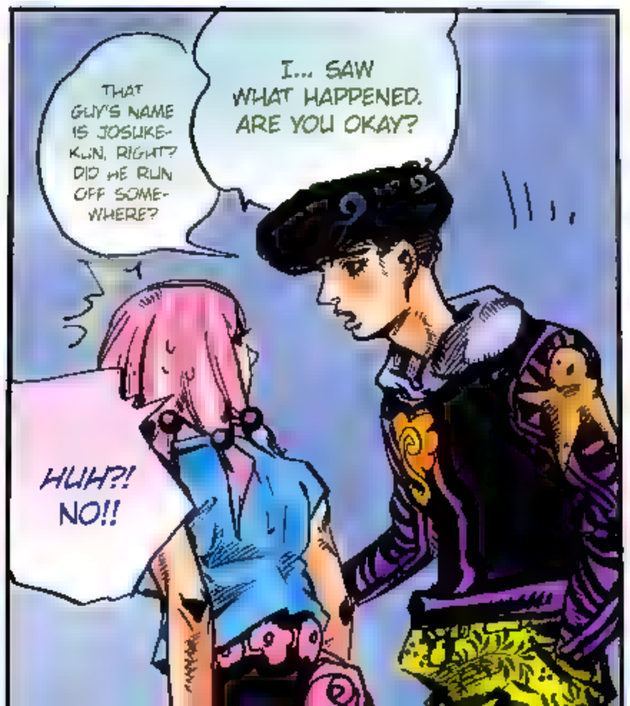
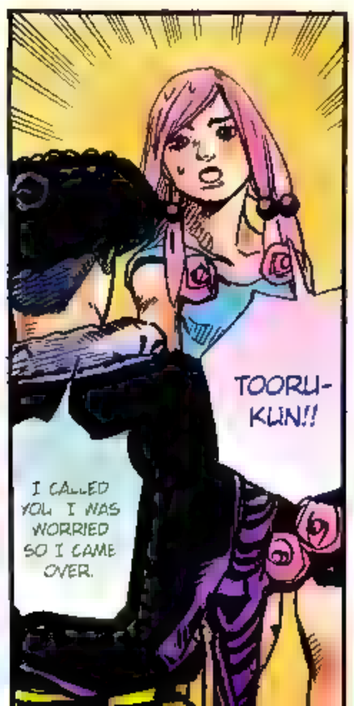
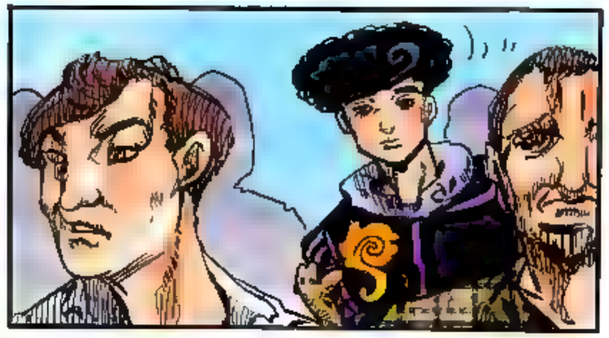
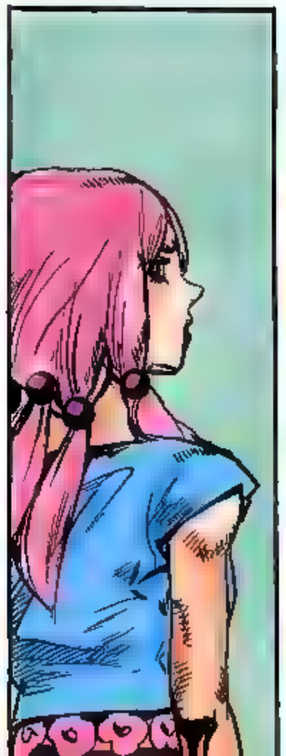

I... SAW WHAT HAPPENED. ARE YOU OKAY?
THAT GUY'S NAME IS JOSUKE-KUN, RIGHT? DID HE RUN OFF SOMEWHERE?
HUH?! NO!!


TOORU-KUN!!
I CALLED YOU. I WAS WORRIED SO I CAME OVER.





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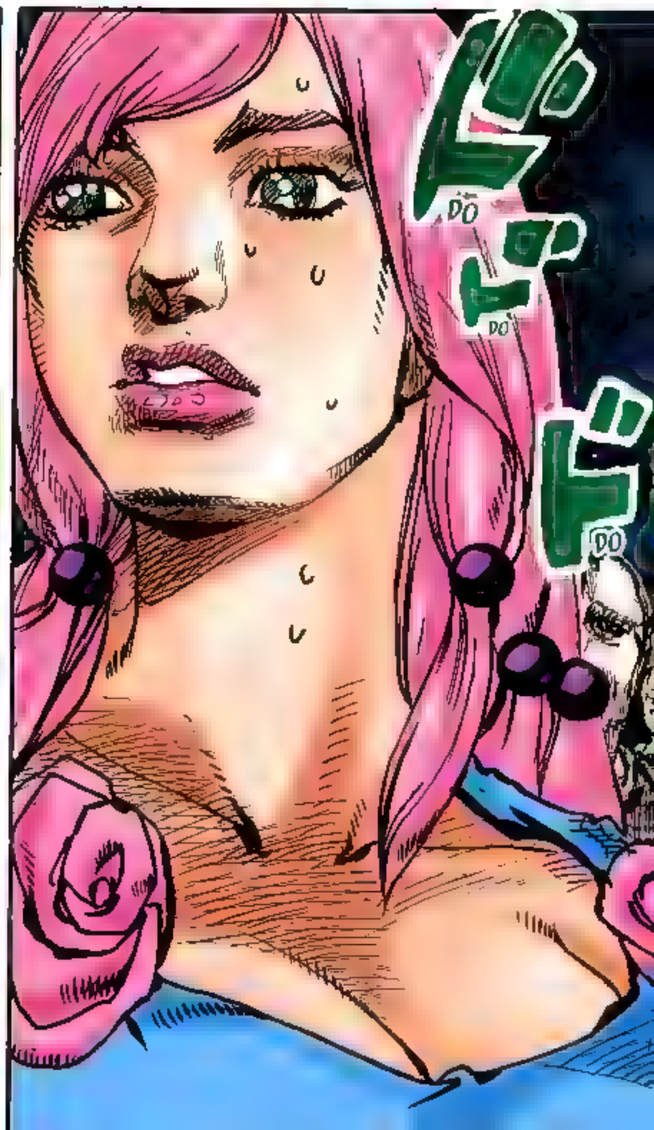
ARE YOU OKAY?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JOSUKE-KUN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING

I CAN TESTIFY TO THAT

THEN MOST UNFORTUNATELY HIS ALREADY INJURED NECK, THAT WAS UNDERGOING TREATMENT, BROKE

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TESTIFY...

NO, I UNDERSTAND.

I WAS A WAYS OFF, BUT I COULD SEE WHAT HAPPENED.

THAT GUY WITH THE CIGARETTE APPROACHED JOSUKE, THEN HE WENT AND FELL OVER ON HIS OWN

I WANT TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE.

BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I'M MOST WORRIED ABOUT.

SURE, IT'S THE TRUTH.

...REALLY?! YOU'LL TESTIFY, TOORU-KUN?

THANK YOU.

Time until the harvest of the New Locacaca Fruit

〖 5 Days, 1 hour, 5 minutes 〗

BLUB

BLUB

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HEY~~ MAKORIN!

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HEY~~~! I SAID C'ME~~RE, MAKORI~~~N!

LET'S GO IN TOGETHE~~R!

I'M SO LO~~NELY ALL BY MYSE~~LF!

I CAN'T TODA~~Y, ALL MY MAKEUP WOULD COME OFF!

YOU CAN BE SUCH A GLUTTON FOR ATTENTION SOMETI~~MES.

OH YOU~~

AT LEAST STICK AROUND FOR A DR~~NK!

NO FUUUN. OKAY, THEN MAKO-R~~N.

I ONLY CAME BY THE CONDO TO PICK UP SOME MATERIALS.

SAH!

SHE PISSES ME OFF...

BUT SERIOUSLY, THOUGH!

"MITSUBA HIGASHIKATA"...

THAT SHITTY WOMAN...

HONESTLY... I JUST WANNA KILL THAT FRIGGIN' 'MITSUBA'.

BLUB

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FRONT PAW?

MY HAND!

OH, I GET IT. FRONT-PAW.

SHE WAS TALK.NG ABOUT MY CUTE LITTLE *'HAND'*!

AT THE SCHOOL. IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY SHE DARED INSULT ME LIKE THAT!

'FRONT PAW'. SHE SA.D THAT. *'MOVE YOUR FRONT PAW'*.

THAT HILLY AREA THAT GRADUALLY RISES UP FROM THE COAST.

THAT LAND'S REALLY VALUABLE. IT'S GOT GREAT GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

THAT PROPERTY...

BY THE HARBOR.

RIGHT AROUND THERE...

NYOKO

THAT'S THE 'HIGASHIKATA FAMILY'S' LAND.

AND... RRRRRRRRR! THAT WOMAN!

ALL SHE IS IS A WIFE!! AND SHE SAID THAT TO ME?! IT MAKES ME SO, SO MAD!

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IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT WONDERFUL LAND.

IF YOU WANNA KNOW WHY I GOT ON GOOD TERMS WITH THAT 'NORISUKE' FELLOW OF THE HIGASHIKATA FAMILY,

MAKORIIN!

YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE MAD THOOOUGH.

WITH AN ADJACENT SHOPPING MALL!

...IF SOMEONE BUILT A *'CASINO'* OVER HERE, YOU COULD BE SURE IT WOULD BE A MASSIVE SUCCESS! IT'S QUALITY VILLA LAND! THE HARBOR! THE TRAIN STATION!

IT COULD BE SOOOOO MUCH MORE ECONOMICALLY EFFECTIVE THAT WAY COMPARED TO USING IT FOR SOMETHING LIKE A FRUIT ORCHARD!

THEY MIGHT BE WEAKENED AFTER THAT ORCHARD FIRE.

THE *"HIGASHIKATA FAMILY"*...

A FAMILY THAT'S BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SO MANY GENERATIONS MUST HAVE *'SOME KIND OF PROBLEM'*.

BUT THEN THAT *'INCIDENT WITH TSURUGI'* THAT HAPPENED AT THE SCHOOL!

NOT THAT I REALLY CARE *'WHO'* IT WAS THAT CRUSHED MINA-CHAN BETWEEN THE IRON GATES.

I'M SOCIABLE, AREN'T I?! EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL...

SHE INSULTED ME, AND SHE GOT IN THE WAY OF MY PLANS!

BUT THAT STUPID BITCH, "MITSUBA"!

I JUST THOUGHT IF I 'GOT IN CLOSE' WITH NORISUKE THEN 'GOOD THINGS MIGHT HAPPEN'!

HEY, DON'T CRYYYY.

AND YOU'VE GOT A CONDO AND A BASEBALL TEAM..

ISN'T THE VIEW FROM THIS TERRACE GREAT?

WHAT MORE CAN THE OWNER OF THE SEITEN BIRDIES ASK FOR...?

I WILL SAY THAT THE RUMORS ABOUT HOW THE ELDEST SON 'JOBIN' KILLED A CLASSMATE IN ORDER TO CURE HIS INCURABLE DISEASE WHEN HE WAS A CHILD ARE PRETTY INTERESTING, THOUGH...

WELL,

SAY, MAKORIIIN...

EVEN THE TSUNAMI STOPPED BEFORE IT REACHED THERE.

EVERYTHING PAST THE WALL EYES WAS TOTALLY FINE EVEN WITH THE EARTH-QUAKE.

THE FOUNDATION IS WEAK. WE HAD TO BEND THE LAW A LITTLE AND WE ONLY JUST BARELY MANAGED TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT.

LIKE I SAID, I WANT THAT HILLY LAND.

THE LAND THIS CONDO AND THE STADIUM ARE ON IS HONESTLY NOT GOOD.

AND THE *'HIGASHIKATA FAMILY'* HAS THAT SPOT.

IN THE WORLD OF CHILDREN'S LEGENDS,

LIKE I SAID, IT'S JUUUST A 'RUMOR'.

SOMEWHERE ON THAT 'WALL EYES' LAND, THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE GROUND THAT CURES DISEASES...

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT A, UH... PERSON KILLING A CLASSMATE BECAUSE OF AN INCURABLE DISEASE?

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT AN 'INCURABLE DISEASE'?

UHHH,

I'LL COME RELAX WITH YOU IN THE BATH NEXT TIME!

I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE SCHOOL TO PICK MY DAUGHTER UP!

OH DARN... LOOK AT THE TIME!

ACCORDING TO THE RUMOR, 'JOBIN' TRANSFERRED HIS DISEASE TO HIS CLASSMATE... AND GOT BETTER.

IF YOU'RE BURIED IN THAT GROUND, YOU CAN DO AN EXCHANGE AND YOU'LL BE CURED.

SUPPOSEDLY THEY KILLED THE CLASSMATE AND TRANS-FERRED THE DISEASE TO HIM.

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YOUR FINGERS!

AAAH, OJIRO-CHAN! I'M SORRY...

PIT

PAT

PIT

RUMOR...?

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING HOW BEING NATURAL MAKES ONE *'HAPPY'* RIGHT?

BY THE WAY, MAKORIN. ABOUT THAT INCURABLE ILLNESS *'RUMOR'*...

NAH, IT'S FIIIINE... THIS AIN'T A BIG DEAL, MAKORI~~N...

I'LL MAKE SURE TO BUY YOU A WHOLE BUNCH OF NEW ONES LATER... I'M SO SORRY. I'LL GET YOU WA~~Y BETTER ONES!

THOUGH HE'S DEAD NOW.

I HAD A SURFING BUDDY A LONG TIME AGO...

HE WAS A "SHIP'S DOCTOR" AND HE TOLD ME A STORY ABOUT THAT.

YOU THINK THAT WAS 'EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE'?

BUT IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, IT WASN'T ABOUT THE GROUND, IT WAS ABOUT A 'FRUIT'.

21 THE WONDER OF YOU (END)